

January 4, 1965

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Honorable Donald E. Johnson *DIC*
National Commander
The American Legion *National*
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

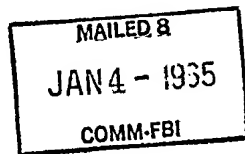
Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed is a copy of the January, 1965, issue
of "The Investigator," the employee publication of the FBI, which
I thought you might like to have. It carries on page 32 the photo-
graph which was taken in my office during your visit to FBI
Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The Acting Attorney General

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
JOINT RESOLUTION DRAFT

Reference is made to the memorandum from the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Legislative and Legal Section, dated December 31, 1964, which enclosed a copy of a draft of a Joint Resolution relating to the promulgation of special regulations for the period of The American Legion National Convention of 1966, which will be held in Washington, D. C.

The regulations in the Joint Resolution draft relating to law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia during the Convention do not directly concern the FBI, since the Metropolitan Police Department will handle most of the special problems encountered. Therefore, we have no information to offer as to the merits of the Joint Resolution.

Specific action will be taken by the FBI during the Convention to insure that Federal violations over which we have jurisdiction are promptly reported.

In accordance with your request, the copy of the draft of the Joint Resolution which you enclosed is being returned herewith.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Rosen

NOTE: A copy of the draft of the Joint Resolution was furnished to the Bureau by the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Legislative and Legal Section, with a request for our views on the merits of the document. The Resolution was prepared by the D. C. Commissioners for the consideration of Congress. It authorizes the Commissioners to take certain actions with regard to traffic, local law enforcement, issuance of licenses, etc., during The American Legion Convention in Washington, 8-25-66 through 9-3-66.

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The xxx BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

____ JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

____ INTERSTATE & FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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has requested the views of the Attorney General as to the merits of D. C. Government Draft Joint Resolution - To authorize the Commissioners of the D. C. to promulgate special regulations for the period of The American Legion National Convention of 1966, to be held in Washington, D.C.; to authorize the granting of certain permits to the American Legion 1966 Convention Corporation of D.C. on the occasion of such convention; etc.

It is requested that within 30 days you examine the attached and submit to this office in triplicate, a memorandum summarizing its effect on existing law and expressing your views on its merits.

____ Special circumstances require that this be handled as a priority matter and that your views be received within two weeks.

____ This is a matter of extreme urgency and your views are requested by 10

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Referred to: OLC, Civil, FBI, Admin

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Memo to The Acting Attorney General
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The President
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have the honor to submit a draft of a Joint Resolution "To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to promulgate special regulations for the period of The American Legion National Convention of 1966, to be held in Washington, District of Columbia; to authorize the granting of certain permits to The American Legion 1966 Convention Corporation of the District of Columbia on the occasion of such convention; and for other purposes."

On the occasion of The American Legion National Convention of 1966, the resolution authorizes appropriate action to be taken to provide for the comfort and protection of all persons within the District of Columbia during the ten-day period of the convention. The resolution is patterned after the Joint Resolution approved July 28, 1964 (78 Stat. 337; Public Law 88-386), relating to the ninety-first annual session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

The resolution authorizes the Commissioners and certain specified Federal officials to deal with the special problems which will arise on the occasion of the 1966 National Convention of The American Legion, and which are expected to exert a heavy burden on the municipal services of the District of Columbia, and, to a certain extent, on the Federal Government. These problems relate principally to

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the handling of traffic and large crowds, and the erection of reviewing stands for the parade to be held in connection with the convention. In addition, there is need for increased services by the Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of Public Health to protect the personal safety and health of the citizens of the District and the many visitors who will be present in the District for the occasion. The Commissioners have been informed that the minimum number of persons associated with The American Legion expected to be present in the District during the convention period has been estimated at 25 to 35 thousand. This number of visitors, together with the many other persons who may come into the District to witness convention activities, will generate a need for increased activity on the part of the municipal government of the District of Columbia. The Joint Resolution is intended to provide authority for such an increase.

The principal provisions of the Joint Resolution are as follows:

1. The Commissioners are authorized and directed to make regulations to preserve peace and order, specially regulate traffic, and issue special licenses to peddlers and vendors, such regulations to be effective during the period of the convention, defined by the resolution as a ten-day period beginning August 25, 1966, and ending September 3, 1966, both dates inclusive.

2. Appropriations are authorized for advancement by the Commissioners to the Corporation's guaranty fund of \$25,000, for the reimbursement of which the District shall have a prior claim on any moneys available to the Corporation for repayment to guarantors; and to pay the cost of providing additional municipal services and to pay for other municipal expenses connected with the convention, estimated at \$250,000.

3. The Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioners are authorized to grant permits for the use of public space under their respective

jurisdictions, subject to certain limitations imposed by the resolution.

4. The Commissioners are authorized to permit the installation of temporary electrical facilities of all kinds, also subject to certain limitations imposed by the resolution.

5. The Secretary of Defense is authorized to lend certain equipment belonging to the Department of Defense to be used in connection with providing for the well-being of the expected crowds, also subject to limitations imposed by the resolution.

6. The temporary placing of wires along and across the line of any parade for use by electric lighting and communications concerns is authorized.

7. The effective period of the regulations authorized to be adopted and a penalty for their violation (a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days) are prescribed.

8. The resolution requires The American Legion 1965 Convention Corporation of the District of Columbia to indemnify and save harmless the District of Columbia and Federal Government against loss, damage, or liability and provides that such requirements shall be satisfied by the Corporation's submitting to the District of Columbia Commissioners and the Secretary of the Interior an insurance policy or a bond, or both, in such amounts and subject to such terms as these officials may deem adequate to protect the interests of the respective governments.

9. Finally, the resolution specifically exempts from its provisions the

Capitol Building and Grounds and other property under the jurisdiction of the Congress.

Legislation similar in scope to the draft resolution has been enacted in the past years when conventions and other public gatherings have brought large numbers of people into the District. The most recent enactment is the Joint Resolution approved July 28, 1964, relating to the ninety-first annual session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

The Commissioners, in the belief that the resolution will adequately provide for the safety and well-being of all persons in the District of Columbia during the period of the 1966 National Convention of The American Legion, recommend its approval.

The Commissioners have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this legislation to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

President
Board of Commissioners, D.C.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to promulgate special regulations for the period of The American Legion National Convention of 1966, to be held in Washington, District of Columbia; to authorize the granting of certain permits to The American Legion 1966 Convention Corporation of the District of Columbia on the occasion of such convention, and for other purposes.

1 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That
3 for the period of The American Legion National Convention
4 of 1966, to be held in the District of Columbia on August
5 29, 30, and 31, and September 1, 1966, the Commissioners
6 are authorized and directed to make all reasonable regu-
7 lations necessary to secure the preservation of public
8 order and protection of life, health, and property; to
9 make special regulations respecting the standing, move-
10 ment, and operation of vehicles of whatever character
11 or kind during said period; and to grant, under such
12 conditions as they may impose, special licenses to ped-
13 dlers and vendors for the privilege of selling goods,
14 wares, and merchandise in such places in the District
15 of Columbia, and to charge such fees for such privilege,
16 as they deem proper.

17 Sec. 2. For the purposes of this Act--

18 (a) "Commissioners" means the Commissioners of
19 the District of Columbia, or their designated agent or
20 agents;

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1 (b) "Corporation" means The American Legion 1966
2 Convention Corporation of the District of Columbia, or
3 its designated agents;

4 (c) "Convention" means The American Legion Na-
5 tional Convention of 1966, to be held in the District of
6 Columbia on August 29, 30, and 31, and September 1, 1966;

7 (d) "Period" and "convention period" mean the
8 ten-day period beginning August 25, 1966;

9 (e) "Secretary of Defense" means the Secretary
10 of Defense, or his designated agents; and

11 (f) "Secretary of the Interior" means the Secre-
12 tary of the Interior, or his designated agents.

13 Sec. 3. There are authorized to be appropriated
14 such sums as may be necessary, payable in like manner
15 as other appropriations for the expenses of the Dis-
16 trict of Columbia, to enable the Commissioners to ad-
17 vance to the Corporation's guaranty fund \$25,000, for
18 the reimbursement of which the District shall have
19 a prior claim on any moneys available to the Cor-
20 poration for repayment to guarantors, and to provide
21 additional municipal services in said District during
22 the convention period, including employment of personal
23 services without regard to the civil service and classi-
24 fication laws; travel expenses of enforcement personnel,
25 including sanitarians, from other jurisdictions; hire
26 of means of transportation; meals for police, firemen,

1 and other municipal employees; construction, rent, main-
2 tenance, and expenses incident to the operation of tem-
3 porary public comfort stations, first-aid stations, and
4 information booths; and other incidental expenses in
5 the discretion of the Commissioners.

6 Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Interior, with the
7 approval of such officer as may exercise jurisdiction
8 over any of the Federal reservations or grounds in the
9 District of Columbia, is authorized to grant to the
10 corporation permits for the use of such reservations
11 or grounds during the convention period, including a
12 reasonable time prior and subsequent thereto; and the
13 Commissioners are authorized to grant like permits for
14 the use of public space under their jurisdiction. Each
15 such permit shall be subject to such restrictions,
16 terms, and conditions as may be imposed by the grantor
17 of such permit. With respect to public space, no re-
18 viewing stand or any stand or structure for the sale
19 of goods, wares, merchandise, food, or drink shall
20 be built during the convention period on any sidewalk,
21 street, park, reservation, or other public grounds in
22 the District of Columbia, except with the approval of
23 the corporation, and with the approval of the Secretary
24 of the Interior or the Commissioners, as the case may

1 premises, shall enforce the provisions of this joint
2 resolution, take needful precautions for the protec-
3 tion of the public, and insure that the pavement of
4 any street, sidewalk, avenue, or alley which is dis-
5 turbed or damaged is restored to its previous condi-
6 tion. No expense or damage from the installation,
7 operation, or removal of said temporary overhead con-
8 ductors or said illumination or other electrical fa-
9 cilities shall be incurred by the United States or
10 the District of Columbia, and the corporation shall
11 indemnify and save harmless the District of Columbia,
12 the United States and the appropriate agencies of the
13 United States against

14 any loss or damage and against any liability whatso-
15 ever arising from any act of the corporation or any
16 agent, licensee, servant, or employee of the corpora-
17 tion.

18 Sec. 6. The Secretary of Defense is authorized
19 to lend to the corporation such hospital tents, smaller
20 tents, camp appliances, hospital furniture, ensigns,
21 flags, ambulances, drivers, stretchers, and Red Cross
22 flags and poles (except battle flags) as may be spared
23 without detriment to the public service, and under such
24 conditions as he may prescribe. Such loan shall be returned

1 within five days after the end of the convention period,
2 the corporation shall indemnify the United States for
3 any loss or damage to any such property, and no expense
4 shall be incurred by the United States Government for
5 the delivery, return, rehabilitation, replacement, or
6 operation of such equipment. The corporation shall give
7 a good and sufficient bond for the safe return of such
8 property in good order and condition, and the whole
9 without expense to the United States.

10 Sec. 7. The Commissioners, the Secretary of the
11 Interior, and the corporation are authorized to permit
12 electric lighting, telegraph, telephone, radio broad-
13 casting, and television companies to extend overhead
14 wires to such points along and across the line of any
15 parade as shall be deemed convenient for use in con-
16 nection with such parade and other convention purposes.
17 Such wires shall be removed within ten days after the
18 end of the convention period.

19 Sec. 8. The regulations and licenses authorized
20 by this Act shall be in full force and effect only dur-
21 ing the convention period, but the expiration of said
22 period shall not prevent the arrest or trial of any per-
23 son for any violation of such regulations committed dur-
24 ing the time they were in force and effect. Such regulations

1 shall be published in one or more of the daily news-
2 papers published in the District of Columbia and no
3 penalty prescribed for the violation of any such reg-
4 ulation shall be enforced until five days after such
5 publication. Any person violating any regulation pro-
6 mulgated by the Commissioners under the authority of
7 this Act shall be fined not more than \$100 or impri-
8 soned for not more than thirty days. Each and every
9 day a violation of any such regulation exists shall
10 constitute a separate offense, and the penalty pre-
11 scribed shall be applicable to each such separate
12 offense.

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14 quired for corporation to indemnify, and save harmless
15 the District of Columbia and the Federal Government
16 or any agency thereof against loss, damage, or lia-
17 bility arising out of the acts of the corporation or
18 its licensee, or to give bond to an agency of the
19 Federal Government guaranteeing the safe return of
20 property belonging to such agency, the requirements
21 of any such provision shall be deemed satisfied upon
22 the submission by the corporation to the Commission-
23 ers and the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of
24 the several agencies of the Federal Government, of

1 an insurance policy or bond, or both an insurance policy
2 and bond, in such amount or amounts and subject to such
3 terms and conditions, as the said officials in their dis-
4 cretion approve as being necessary to protect the inter-
5 ests of the respective governments.

6 Sec. 10. Nothing in this Act shall be applicable
7 to the United States Capitol Buildings or Grounds or
8 other properties under the jurisdiction of the Congress
9 or any committee, commission, or officer thereof.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
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January 11, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of January 4th and the enclosed copy of the January, 1965 issue of "The Investigator."

It was very thoughtful of you to provide me with a copy of this publication. The picture on page 32 serves as a reminder of my most enjoyable visit to your office and of your kind hospitality.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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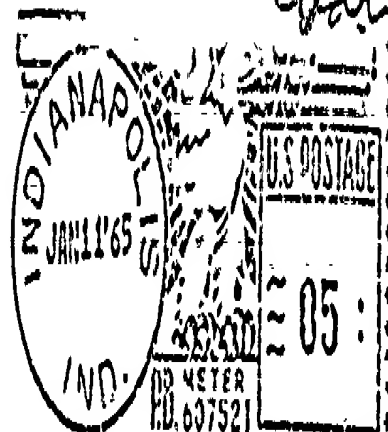
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DIRECTOR

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1965

Honorable Donald E. Johnson
National Commander
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mr. Johnson: *don*

Thank you for the unswerving support of
my administration of the FBI related in your speeches before
The American Legion in Lodi and Redwood City, California,
last week. Your generous remarks mean a great deal to me
and are a source of encouragement for the personnel of this
Bureau. My associates join me in expressing deep appreciation
for the confidence The American Legion has in the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents' List.
Mr. Johnson spoke before approximately 350 people in Lodi,
California, on January 6th and approximately 450 people in
Redwood City on January 7th.

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FROM: National Public Relations Division, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Ind.

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An Address by Donald E. Johnson, ⁵⁰
National Commander, The American Legion,
At Lodi, California, Jan. 6, 1965

50 people present
Redwood City, Calif.
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on TV & Radio
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Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, my fellow Legionnaires, ladies and gentlemen, this is my fourth formal speaking engagement in the past three days, making the first of the year seem a little more remote, but I'm sure it still is appropriate to bring you the best wishes of The American Legion for health, happiness and prosperity during the year on which we so recently have embarked.

The American Legion enters into this new year with an abiding faith in the ability of this nation, under God, and of her people to accomplish any task to which we set our hearts and minds. Ours is a nation founded upon faith, and ours is a government of laws and not of men.

The American Legion believes we must adhere to these ancient and basic precepts if we are to continue to function effectively as a nation, both with regard to the conduct of our domestic affairs, and to the fulfillment of our destiny as a leader of the free world.

One of the ten points of the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion is to maintain law and order which, in fact, is placed second among the objectives of The American Legion--second only to our pledge to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

In view of the importance which The American Legion attaches to the maintenance of law and order, I think it is appropriate here to comment on The American Legion's continuing support of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is particularly pertinent in the face of mounting criticism apparently aimed at discrediting the man and the organization which he was so instrumental in building to its present stature.

Law enforcement agencies across the nation and throughout the world long have looked upon the F.B.I. as a symbol of excellence, and The American Legion shares that viewpoint.

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However, for some mysterious reason it suddenly seems to have become fashionable to attack both Mr. Hoover and the F.B.I., the agency which, more than any other single arm of government, has been instrumental in exposing and thus controlling the threat of the Communist Party U.S.A.

It seems that the American people would do well to demand an explanation of this often vitriolic assault upon the integrity of a man who has given his life to devoted public service, and upon the organization which has done so much to safeguard our basic freedoms from subversive elements in our midst.

If I were to summarize the position of The American Legion relative to the F.B.I., I would borrow the Churchillian phrase: "Never have so many owed so much to so few."

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Mr. Hoover and the F.B.I. need no defense by The American Legion, but if a vote of confidence or a simple expression of faith is in order, they have it from The American Legion.

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About two years ago, in a widely used by-line news story Mr. Hoover outlined the "Communist Party line," spelling out its objectives for various segments of society. As for youth, he had this to say:

"The party expresses encouragement over what it detects as a gradual awakening of American youth to its social responsibilities as evidenced by increased participation in the struggle for Negro rights and academic freedom. However, the party stresses the lack of employment opportunity for youths and calls for an end to 'the burden of military service.'

"Because communism thrives on turmoil, the party is continuously attempting to exploit all grievances--real or imagined--for its own tactical purposes. It is, therefore, almost inevitable that, on many issues, the party line will coincide with the position of many non-communists."

Note well that he mentioned increased participation in the struggle for academic freedom, then consider the developments of the past few months on the

campus of the University of California at Berkeley where the ill-conceived actions of an organized handful of students and non-students has brought unfavorable national publicity on a widely respected institution of academic excellence.

Whether the cause in this instance was real or imagined seems still open to debate. The unfortunate fact remains that the resulting bad publicity reflects upon the institution and its student body as a whole even though the vast majority of the on-campus population had nothing to do with the demonstrations.

Student rioting has for many years been commonplace in other countries, but not in the United States. The agitators in all too many instances have been off-campus elements or over-age "students" planted by the communist movement, and this has been particularly true of such incidents in Latin American countries.

William Pitt once said: "Where the law ends, there anarchy begins," and from reports in the public press concerning this particular situation there seems to be substance behind Governor Brown's description of this incident as anarchy.

For example, The Los Angeles Herald Examiner of Thursday, December 3, in its reporting of campus developments said: "The University regents agreed two weeks ago to let students raise funds for FSM (Free Speech Movement) groups at designated spots on the campus. But students rejected a university stipulation that these activities must comply with the laws of the community and state."

Is this what is involved in free speech--is this an element of academic freedom--for any group or individual to maintain that he is above and beyond the law? I rather think not, and it would seem that those involved in this unfortunate affair would substitute license for liberty.

Perhaps more alarming than the University of California at Berkeley incident itself is the fact that the ringleaders of this movement now are moving on to other colleges and universities across the nation in the effort to gain support for their cause. We sincerely hope that administrators, faculties and student bodies of other institutions which they visit may reject them just as

whole-heartedly as did the vast majority of the student body at Berkeley. *1 approve*

It has been well established and documented that there were associated with this incident persons identified as being sympathetic with the communist party and communist causes.

University President Clark Kerr is quoted in the Chicago Tribune of Sunday, December 6, 1964, as saying: "I am sorry to say that some off-campus elements active in the demonstrations have been impressed with the tactics of Fidel Castro and Mao-Tse-Tung. There are very few of these, but there are some."

It has long been the contention of The American Legion that appearance of individuals with communist affiliations or leanings, before any student group, is both undesirable and dangerous. Because of that position we have been subjected to charges of abridging freedom of speech, of standing in opposition to academic freedom and, indeed, of being against education period.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. America's blessed freedoms are the things for which members of The American Legion fought in three of America's wars. *approve*
To stand today, or any day, in opposition to the things which we have fought to preserve would be as ridiculous as are those charges themselves.

The American Legion has, in fact, done as much as any single private organization in America to foster and promote the cause of education, and for the benefit of those whose memories are short or who are uninformed, I would remind them that The American Legion was the prime mover behind the establishment of American Education Week some four decades ago, and remains as one of the co-sponsors of that event today, and we have fought the battle in the cause of adequate pay for our teachers that our youngsters might have the benefit of the best instruction available.

As a result of both of these efforts I believe our education system is stronger today than it might otherwise have been. Millions of school patrons across the nation (more than thirty million in 1963, the last year for which totals

have been made available to us) visit their schools during American Education Week. Such an outpouring of interested parents, meeting and conferring with school administrators and teachers cannot help but bring to light many situations which are in need of correction, and which cannot be corrected without the help of concerned patrons.

When The American Legion advocates the banning of communist spokesmen from appearing before high school, college and university groups there arises from the pseudo-sophisticates and the super-intellectuals the outraged cry of suppression of free speech and curtailment of academic freedom.

I think the recent events at the University of California at Berkeley are new evidence of the need for such a ban. Who is to deny that young minds are impressionable, and who would knowingly submit his own children to the teachings of a known communist or one who is thoroughly indoctrinated in communist ideology?

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Surely we are confident that the vast majority of American young people are not so gullible as to be taken in by such preachments. This was proved at Berkeley. Yet we know there are some who are susceptible, and this too was proved at Berkeley. Some 800 out of a total of 27,500 doesn't seem like much, but it is too many.

The communists consider their effort worthwhile if they convert but a single student to their cause, and The American Legion considers its preventive measures worthwhile if they are instrumental in circumventing the conversion of that one.

It was Gus Hall himself, the general secretary of the Communist Party USA, who said the youth program of the party is so important that he or any other national leader would go anywhere to meet with young students even if but one student is met.

The American Legion does not stand in opposition to the teaching of the methods and the philosophy of communism, therefore we are not interfering with academic freedoms. The American Legion specifically opposes the appearance of spokesmen for the communist conspiracy on tax-supported properties, thus using these

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facilities for soundingboards for communist propaganda. There are all too many other forums and facilities available to red-oriented speakers. Thus we do not believe we are interfering with anybody's freedom of speech. We do say the American taxpayer has no legal or moral obligation to aid and abet a cause which is dedicated to the overthrow of our system of government and the destruction of the American way of life. *applause*

To those who oppose The American Legion's position in this matter I would suggest that they give due consideration to Hall's statement concerning the importance of the youth movement to the party. They are interested in but one if that one can do them some good. Now I ask you, if one is so important to the Communist Party U.S.A. -- conversely, is it not as important to those of us who stand in opposition to communism to prevent that one from being drawn into the communist net? I think it is, and I would call upon all American Legionnaires to take responsible action toward implementing our Convention Resolution No. 131, ~~which is a consolidation of resolutions submitted by the Departments of Nevada, California and Maryland, and which deals with the appearance of communist speakers at high schools and universities.~~

My subject tonight may not be exactly a popular one in the state of California, but it is a matter which cannot be ignored in view of the obvious effort to transplant the seeds which were sown here to other areas of the country.

The American Legion believes that this free republic has been kept free by the acceptance of every American of the principle that ours is a government of laws duly adopted by the elected representatives of the citizens.

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The American Legion, again by Convention Resolution, calls upon all its members, and strongly urges all citizens and news media, to uphold and support our peace officers and all other duly constituted authorities charged with the enforcement of our laws at all levels of government.

There remains, of course, the responsibility of those duly constituted authorities to be equally diligent, fair and impartial in their administration or discharge of the authority vested in them.

There is no acceptable alternative to the maintenance of law and order in our society, and I would call upon all American Legionnaires, all parents, and our young adult population, the vast majority of whom are responsible young citizens, to exert their best efforts and influence to the maintenance of our system and to reject those influences which would tend to destroy it.

We can, by concerted and responsible efforts, accomplish this objective, and I am confident that we shall.

Standing ovation and long applause

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NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DON JOHNSON, OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA, EULOGIZES J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR OF THE F.B.I., AND POINTS TO THE DANGERS OF COMMUNISTIC INFILTRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CAMPUSES. CITES UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY AS TYPICAL EXAMPLE.

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It has long been the contention of The American Legion that appearance of individuals with communist affiliations or leanings, before any student group, is both undesirable and dangerous. Because of that position we have been subjected to charges of abridging freedom of speech, of standing in opposition to academic freedom and, indeed, of being against education period.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. America's blessed freedoms are the things for which members of The American Legion fought in three of America's wars. To stand today, or any day, in opposition to the things which we have fought to preserve would be as ridiculous as are those charges themselves.

When The American Legion advocates the banning of communist spokesmen from appearing before high school, college and university groups there arises from the pseudo-sophisticates and the super-intellectuals the outraged cry of suppression of free speech and curtailment of academic freedom.

I think the recent events at the University of California at Berkeley are new evidence of the need for such a ban. Who is to deny that young minds are impressionable, and who would knowingly submit his own children to the teachings of a known communist or one who is thoroughly indoctrinated in communist ideology?

Surely we are confident that the vast majority of American young people are not so gullible as to be taken in by such preachments. This was proved at Berkeley. Yet we know there are some who are susceptible, and this too was proved at Berkeley. Some 800 out of a total of 27,500 doesn't seem like much, but it is too many.

It was Gus Hall himself, the general secretary of the Communist Party USA, who said the youth program of the party is so important that he or any other national leader would go anywhere to meet with young students even if but one student is met.

To those who oppose The American Legion's position in this matter I would suggest that they give due consideration to Hall's statement concerning the importance of the youth movement to the party. They are interested in but one if that one can do them some good. Now I ask you, if one is so important to the Communist Party U.S.A.--conversely, is it not as important to those of us who stand in opposition to communism to prevent that one from being drawn into the communist net? I think it is, and I would call upon all American Legionnaires to take responsible action toward implementing our Convention Resolution No. 131, which is a consolidation of resolutions submitted by the Departments of Nevada, California and Maryland, and which deals with the appearance of communist speakers at high schools and universities.

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January 25, 1965

Honorable Donald E. Johnson
National Commander
The American Legion *NATH*
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Johnson:

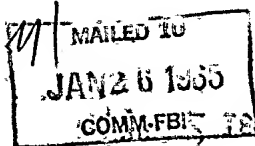
I have read your speech delivered before
The American Legion at Dunn, North Carolina on
January 15th. It is good to know of your continued
support and my associates and I appreciate your very
generous remarks concerning our work.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SUBJECT: Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
President's Immigration Legislation

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The Attorney General called at 12:15 p.m. today to advise that he had received word that The American Legion was strenuously objecting to the President's proposal on increased immigration into the United States. The Attorney General stated that he knew I had some influence with The American Legion and that he hoped I could give him some ideas as to how the Legion could be quieted down.

I told the Attorney General that the Legion often takes a militant stand against any weakening of laws which might assist communism or which might water down strong principles of patriotism. I told the Attorney General that I thought the best thing to do would be for a representative of the Administration to talk to the National Americanism Commission and explain just exactly what the Administration was proposing. Katzenbach stated he thought this would be a good idea and that he would appreciate [redacted] having an opportunity to talk to a representative of the said Commission.

We, of course, will stay out of this. If there are no objections, I will tell Dan O'Connor, Chairman of the National Americanism Commission, that a representative of the Department wishes to talk with him concerning this matter and that the FBI, of course, has nothing whatsoever to do regarding the matter of proposed legislation.

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I received your letter of February 8th inviting me to be a guest at the luncheon honoring General David Sarnoff and want to thank you for thinking of me in this regard.

While I certainly appreciate the kind invitation, a prior commitment already confirmed precludes my being with you on March 1st. I regret that I am unable to attend but want to extend my best wishes for a rewarding and successful affair.

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Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Each year The American Legion honors a distinguished citizen who has made important contributions to the American way of life, by presenting him with "The National Commander's Award."

The recipient this year is, General David Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board of the Radio Corporation of America, one of the most outstanding Legionnaires in the history of this organization. For nearly sixty years General Sarnoff has dedicated his lifetime to the Science of National and International Electronic Communication; his vast accomplishments in this area have helped to keep the United States foremost in this important technological development of this century.

At a luncheon to be held in the Sheraton-Park Hotel, noon, on Monday, March 1, General Sarnoff will be presented with this award for the year 1965.

On behalf of The American Legion I would like to invite you to be an honored headtable guest at this occasion and I sincerely hope that your schedule will permit you to assist us in honoring the General.

Sincerely yours,

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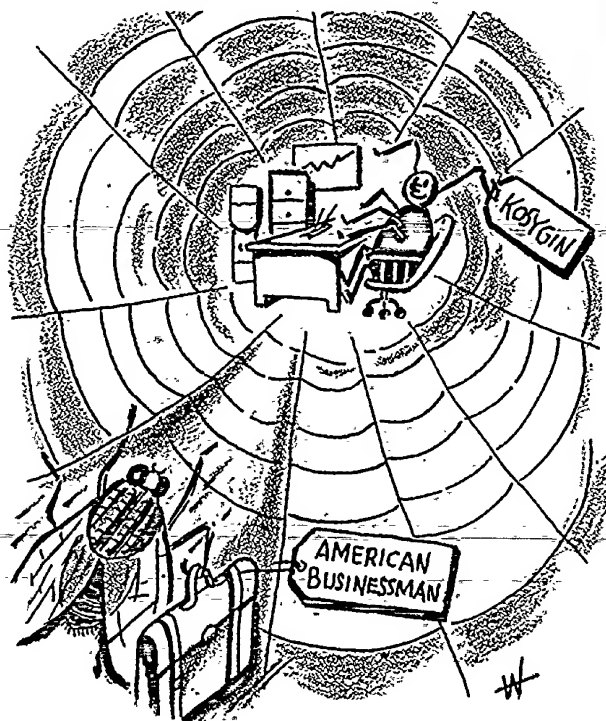
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"COME INTO MY PARLOR," SAID THE SPIDER TO THE FLY.



Courtesy of W. W. Anderson, Cartoonist

COMMANDING THOUGHTS

NEW RUSSIAN BAIT TO INCREASE TRADE

A recent news dispatch from Moscow is very revealing—and also a warning to the United States.

This dispatch told how the new Russian Premier, Alexei N. Kosygin, spoke to some 100 visiting American businessmen, pledging that the Kremlin would search for ways to increase trade with the United States and "solve all existing problems between our two countries."

The atmosphere was extremely friendly. Americans applauded Kosygin's remarks, visualizing an increased opportunity to trade with the Soviet empire. It was even indicated that the new Russian Premier had stated that the Russians were willing to make a token payment on its lend-lease debts.

The question arises: why the sudden Soviet desire to pay its debts under Lend-Lease to the United States?

In past years, Lend-Lease has been the subject of extensive negotiations between the two countries. According to available sources, the United States sent nearly \$11 billion worth of military and civilian lend-lease goods to Russia during World War II. In later talks, the

United States sought Russian payment on a lion of items considered to have value in this period, such as merchant ships, oil refineries, etc. But the Russians refused to agree, and the matter was suspended. This country scaled its demand to \$1 million with the Russians offering only \$300,000.

In other words, as a bait for increased trade with the United States the Russians are prepared to make a "payment" on a legitimate debt which they owe to this country. This is indeed very kind of them, to say the least!

The Russians are today endeavoring in every possible way to secure industrial, agricultural and scientific know-how from this country. Certainly, they would like to gain easy credit, long-term loans, and other types of economic aid. If so, they are willing to pay "a little something" on what they already legitimately owe!

As time progresses, there will be increasing contact between this country and Russia. Trade, undoubtedly, will increase. But it must be fair and honest trade, not a Soviet effort to blackmail or use our own money to pay their debts. We must identify the smooth smile and the extended hand and ask—"What's behind them? What really do the Soviets want?"

The FBI has often indicated that commercial transactions represent one of the most fertile fields for Soviet espionage against this country. Our Nation must recognize that this Soviet feigned friendship is underlined with a sinister purpose—to gain what knowledge, merchandise and materials as can be secured to strengthen communist tyranny.

For this reason, we must use reason and common sense and not be swept off our feet by the smiles of Premier Kosygin.

W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America

Using its newest front group, the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America, the Communist Party, USA is attempting to exploit academic freedom to obtain a foothold on college campuses in various parts of the country. In order to establish chapters of the Du Bois Clubs on college campuses, it is camouflaging these chapters by claiming they are composed of individuals who advocate socialism.

The purpose of the communists is obvious. They are faced with a dilemma: most people in the United States have totally rejected communism; they are faced with having to recruit young members to take over the reigns of the Party from older members in order to survive. To achieve this, they are resorting to their usual

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tactics of lies and deceit in their effort to involve young Americans in a communist front group by deliberately disguising its communist origin and connections.

The extent to which communists will go in distorting the truth to obtain their objectives is evidenced by recent events at the University of New Mexico, where officials of that University would not give campus recognition to a chapter of the Du Bois Clubs because it is a Marxist youth group of the Communist Party. True to form, the Chairman of this chapter denied that the Du Bois Clubs had any communist affiliation but stated that it was socialist in nature. He further stated that campus recognition of the Du Bois Clubs chapter was only part of a fight for freedom of speech, freedom of communication, freedom to disseminate ideas, freedom to organize, and freedom of assembly for all students whatever their political or social views.

To aid the chapter gain campus recognition, the Du Bois Clubs sent Terence Hallinan, one of its national officers, from the organization's headquarters in San Francisco to the campus of the University of New Mexico. While there, he stated that the Du Bois Clubs had chapters on 14 campuses in the United States and only at the University of New Mexico had any trouble ensued. He denied that the Du Bois Clubs is a communist front group or that it is communist dominated. Hallinan "echoed" that the Du Bois Clubs consists of independent "organizations" of young Americans with a socialist outlook.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has stated that the Du Bois Clubs is "one of the most ambitious communist youth movements in years." Based on Mr. Hoover's statement that this organization is "communist spawned," Dean of Students Sherman E. Smith of the University of New Mexico denied recognition of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America on that campus. According to the "People's World" of December 5, 1964, "The New Mexico Lobo," a campus daily, said this in retaliation: . . . Should Mr. Hoover's statement be the criterion even if there is truth to what he has to say? We do not think so. Mr. Hoover has been proved wrong before in his labeling of organizations; we think that the only criterion should be the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. But, of course, acting (Attorney General) Nicholas Katzenbach will not even release this information so it may be used as a defense. Even if he did, and even if the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs were listed as a subversive organization is no reason to deny it affiliation with the university as a student group."

Let's look at the facts. At a Party meeting, in October, 1963, Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, ordered the formation of a new Marxist youth organization. In December, delegates were instructed to attend a conference in Chicago, at which plans were made for a national founding convention to be held in June, 1964. The delegates to this convention, held in San Francisco, adopted the name of W. E. B. Du Bois

Clubs of America for the new Marxist youth organization and selected San Francisco as its headquarters.

And why the name of W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America? It is named for Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Negro writer, who, in 1961, at the age of 93 publicly joined the Communist Party although it was reported that he was a secret member for many years. At the time of his announced affiliation with the Communist Party, he asserted that "Communism will triumph; I want to help bring that day." He further stated: "Capitalism cannot reform itself; it is doomed to self-destruction. No universal selfishness can bring social good to all. Communism—the effort to give all men what they need and to ask of each the best they can contribute—this is the only way of human life."

It has been reported by reliable sources that Communist Party members are active in the Du Bois Clubs organization. Evidence of this is an interesting item which appeared in the September 18, 1964, issue of "Spur," which claims to be the newsletter of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America. It was announced in this issue that Carl Bloice, national Publications Director and one of the two executives elected by the founding convention of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs, was on his way to the Soviet Union. "Spur" reported that he would participate as a delegate from the Du Bois Clubs to the World Forum of Solidarity of Youth and Students in the Fight for National Independence and Liberation and for Peace. It further stated that this World Forum was sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the Council of Soviet Youth Organizations. The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" identifies the World Federation of Democratic Youth as being among international communist fronts functioning at the present time.

It is also reliably reported that many sons and daughters of leading Communist Party members are active in the Du Bois Clubs, that officials and members of other communist youth groups have been moved into the Du Bois Clubs, that Communist Party members are asked to contribute funds for the Du Bois Clubs, and that printing equipment for a communist youth group has been turned over to the Du Bois Clubs.

The Free Speech Movement, which has caused so much havoc on the campus of the University of California in recent months, is basically made up of six groups, of which one is the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs.

Freedom is our most precious heritage. Every effort must be made to preserve it. We must also protect those who cherish freedom from those who resort to lies and deceit and who utilize that freedom to advance a system that would destroy it.

An Address by DON D. JOHNSON, National Commander, The American Legion
at Lodi, California, Jan. 6, 1965 (Opening remarks deleted)

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If I were to summarize the position of The American Legion relative to the F.B.I., I would borrow the Churchillian phrase: "Never have so many owed so much to so few."

Mr. Hoover and the F.B.I. need no defense by The American Legion, but if a vote of confidence or a simple expression of faith is in order, they have it from The American Legion.

About two years ago, in a widely used by-line news story Mr. Hoover outlined the "Communist Party line," spelling out its objectives for various segments of society. As for youth, he had this to say:

"The party expresses encouragement over what it detects as a gradual awakening of American youth to its social responsibilities as evidenced by increased participation in the struggle for Negro rights and academic freedom. However, the party stresses the lack of employment opportunity for youths and calls for an end to 'the burden of military service.'"

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Whether the cause in this instance was real or imagined seems still open to debate. The unfortunate fact remains that the resulting bad publicity reflects upon the institution and its student body as a whole even though the vast majority of the on-campus population had nothing to do with the demonstrations.

Student rioting has for many years been commonplace in other countries, but not in the United States. The agitators in all too many instances have been off-campus elements or over-age "students" planted by the communist movement, and this has been particularly true of such incidents in Latin American countries.

William Pitt once said: "Where the law ends, there anarchy begins," and from reports in the public press concerning this particular situation there seems to be substance behind Governor Brown's description of this incident as anarchy.

For example, The Los Angeles Herald Examiner of Thursday, December 3, in its reporting of campus developments said: "The University regents agreed two weeks ago to let students raise funds for FSM (Free Speech Movement) groups at designated spots on the campus. But students rejected a university stipulation that these activities must comply with the laws of the community and state."

Is this what is involved in free speech—is this an element of academic freedom—for any group or individual to maintain that he is above and beyond the law? I rather think not, and it would seem that those involved in this unfortunate affair would substitute license for liberty.

Perhaps more alarming than the University of California at Berkeley incident itself is the fact that the ringleaders of this movement now are moving on to other colleges and universities across the nation in the effort to gain support for their cause. We sincerely hope that administrators, faculties and student bodies of other institutions which they visit may reject them just as wholeheartedly as did the vast majority of the student body at Berkeley.

It has been well established and documented that there were associated with this incident persons identified as being sympathetic with the communist party and communist causes.

University President Clark Kerr is quoted in the Chicago Tribune of Sunday, December 6, 1964, as saying: "I am sorry to say that some off-campus elements active in the demonstrations have been impressed with the tactics of Fidel Castro and Mao-Tse-Tung. There are very few of these, but there are some."

It has long been the contention of The American Legion that appearance of individuals with communist affiliations or leanings, before any student group, is both undesirable and dangerous. Because of that position we have been subjected to charges of abridging freedom of speech, of standing in opposition to academic freedom and, indeed, of being against education period.

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Nothing could be farther from the truth. America's blessed freedoms are the things for which members of The American Legion fought in three of America's wars. To stand today, or any day, in opposition to the things which we have fought to preserve would be as ridiculous as are those charges themselves.

The American Legion has, in fact, done as much as any single private organization in America to foster and promote the cause of education, and for the benefit of those whose memories are short or who are uninformed, I would remind them that The American Legion was the prime mover behind the establishment of American Education Week some four decades ago, and remains as one of the co-sponsors of that event today, and we have fought the battle in the cause of adequate pay for our teachers that our youngsters might have the benefit of the best instruction available.

As a result of both of these efforts I believe our education system is stronger today than it might otherwise have been. Millions of school patrons across the nation (more than thirty million in 1963, the last year for which totals have been made available to us) visit their schools during American Education Week. Such an outpouring of interested parents, meeting and conferring with school administrators and teachers cannot help but bring to light many situations which are in need of correction, and which cannot be corrected without the help of concerned patrons.

When The American Legion advocates the banning of communist spokesmen from appearing before high school, college and university groups there arises from the pseudo-sophisticates and the super-intellectuals the outraged cry of suppression of free speech and curtailment of academic freedom.

I think the recent events at the University of California at Berkeley are new evidence of the need for such a ban. Who is to deny that young minds are impressionable, and who would knowingly submit his own children to the teachings of a known communist or one who is thoroughly indoctrinated in communist ideology?

Surely we are confident that the vast majority of American young people are not so gullible as to be taken in by such preachments. This was proved at Berkeley. Yet we know there are some who are susceptible, and this too was proved at Berkeley. Some 800 out of a total of 27,500 doesn't seem like much, but it is too many.

The communists consider their effort worthwhile if they convert but a single student to their cause, and The American Legion considers its preventive measures worthwhile if they are instrumental in circumventing the conversion of that one.

It was Gus Hall himself, the general secretary of the Communist Party USA, who said the youth program of the party is so important that he or any other national leader would go anywhere to meet with young students even if but one student is met.

The American Legion does not stand in opposition to the teaching of the methods and the philosophy of communism, therefore we are not interfering with academic freedoms. The American Legion specifically opposes the appearance of spokesmen for the communist conspiracy on tax-supported properties, thus using these facilities for sounding-boards for communist propaganda. There are all too many other forums and facilities available to red-oriented speakers. Thus we do not believe we are interfering with anybody's freedom of speech. We do say the American taxpayer has no legal or moral obligation to aid and abet a cause which is dedicated to the overthrow of our system of government and the destruction of the American way of life.

To those who oppose The American Legion's position in this matter I would suggest that they give due consideration to Hall's statement concerning the importance of the youth movement to the party. They are interested in but one if that one can do them some good. Now I ask you, if one is so important to the Communist Party U.S.A.—conversely, is it not as important to those of us who stand in opposition to communism to prevent that one from being drawn into the communist net? I think it is, and I would call upon all American Legionnaires to take responsible action toward implementing our Convention Resolution No. 131, which is a consolidation of resolutions submitted by the Departments of Nevada, California and Maryland, and which deals with the appearance of communist speakers at high schools and universities.

My subject tonight may not be exactly a popular one in the state of California, but it is a matter which cannot be ignored in view of the obvious effort to transplant the seeds which were sown here to other areas of the country.

The American Legion believes that this free republic has been kept free by the acceptance of every American of the principle that ours is a government of laws duly adopted by the elected representatives of the citizens.

The American Legion deplores and opposes the action of any groups or individuals who would try to dictate our way of life by taking the law into their own hands or by acting lawlessly.

The American Legion believes that defiance of our laws and abusive actions against our peace officers amounts to anarchy and threatens the fundamentals of our constitutional government, our freedom and our rights as citizens.

The American Legion believes all citizens, student or non-student, on-campus or off, are equally subject to the provisions of the law and entitled to equal justice under the law.

The American Legion, again by Convention Resolution, calls upon all its members, and strongly urges all citizens and news media, to uphold and support our peace officers and all other duly constituted authorities charged with the enforcement of our laws at all levels of government.

There remains, of course, the responsibility of those duly constituted authorities to be equally diligent, fair and impartial in their administration or discharge of the authority vested in them.

There is no acceptable alternative to the maintenance of law and order in our society, and I would call upon all American Legionnaires, all parents, and our young adult population, the vast majority of whom are responsible young citizens, to exert their best efforts and influence to the maintenance of our system and to reject those influences which would tend to destroy it.

We can, by concerted and responsible efforts, accomplish this objective, and I am confident that we shall.

DOWN WITH THE CONSTITUTION !



Courtesy The San Diego Union

The Campus Invasion Continues

"FBI Warns of Reds on Campuses" is the title of a column in the Washington Star of December 14, 1964. This article, under the by-line of David Lawrence, contains an excerpt from an interview in "U. S. News & World Report," in which Mr. Hoover said: "I have taken the position that it is unfortunate that some colleges in this country have provided avowed communists—some of whom have been convicted and have served time in the penitentiary, such as Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party in the United States—a platform from which to espouse their godless ideology of chicanery, deceit and treachery." Mr. Lawrence further quotes Mr. Hoover from his speech before the Pennsylvania Society in New York last December, in which Mr. Hoover said: "Today these rabid emissaries of Red fascism are engaged in an intensive campaign to subvert the minds and win the support of American youth. Why are communist spokesmen so anxious to appear on college campuses, yet so tight-lipped before grand juries, committees of Congress and in our courts of law? Why do glib-tongued party members suddenly lose their voices when placed under oath? The answer is: They are afraid of the truth—just as they fear decency and justice and God! Let me repeat what I have said before: We are at war with the communist and the sooner every red-blooded American realizes this the safer we will be."

In spite of repeated warnings by Mr. Hoover and the numerous and determined objections of loyal American citizens, this invasion of our college campuses continues and these purveyors of a "godless ideology of chicanery, deceit and treachery" are granted platforms from which to spew their subversive cause and to attempt to poison the minds of impressionable young men and women.

"THE WORKER" - 11/24/64 - "1,600 COLLEGE STUDENTS UPSTATE HEAR APTHEKER"—"A total of 1,600 students jammed the gymnasium of New York State University in Cortland, N.Y., Nov. 17 to hear Dr. Herbert Aptheker, director of the American Institute for Marxist Studies. . . . Dr. Aptheker discussed 'Communism: Myth and Reality.' His talk of about 45 minutes was followed by a question period that lasted about an hour. He had been introduced to the overflow crowd, amounting to more than half of the student enrollment, by Dr. Brooks, chairman of the Department of Sociology. Prior to the lecture, Dr. Aptheker had served as guest lecturer in a class in American history. His appearance on the campus was sponsored by the House of Delegates of the College."

"THE WORKER-12/13/64—"Hyman Lumer Heard On Cleveland Campus"—Cleveland—"Scores of students sat in the completely filled Hatch Auditorium at Western Reserve University in Cleveland to hear Dr. Hyman Lumer, editor of Political Affairs. It was the first time that a leading American Communist had been invited to speak on the campus of what is known as one of the most conservative colleges. He spoke on 'Capitalism vs. Socialism—A Communist Viewpoint.' The lecture was sponsored by the Student Senate of the University, and chaired by its president, Al Skolnik. Strong pressure was brought to bear upon the school officials to prevent his appearance. However, vice president, William M. Heston said, 'We feel that students should be exposed to conflicting views regardless how obnoxious those views may be. We have a responsibility to our students to help them see what they are up against in this world.' Rumors circulated that the ultra-Right groups would resort to violence. Extensive newspaper and TV coverage was on hand to report this possibility. However, the meeting was entirely peaceful, despite a large number of Rightist elements present clearly bent on disruption. Disappointed, the Cleveland Press complained that the meeting was 'dull.' In his opening remarks, Dr. Lumer praised the courage of those sponsoring the lecture. He strongly emphasized the destructive nature of anti-Communism as practiced by the ultra-Right, and also by high government officials in Washington who continue to resort to such McCarthyite tactics. He then described the nature and fundamental characteristics of the two social systems now contending on the stage of contemporary history. His talk was followed by a question period, but this had to be curtailed because of the lateness of the hour."

Resolution No. 131 entitled, "Appearance of Communist Speakers at High Schools and Universities," was adopted by the Forty-Sixth Annual National Con-

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vention of The American Legion, Dallas, Texas, September 22-24, 1964:

"WHEREAS, Since its inception The American Legion has continuously urged and taught the youth of our country obedience to its laws and devotion and loyalty to our country; and

"WHEREAS, the Communist Party of the United States is pressing a major propaganda effort to establish firm roots among the youth, particularly college students; and

"WHEREAS, Certain clubs and organizations are fronts for the communist organized efforts on campuses detrimental to the welfare of our country; and

"WHEREAS, The director of the youth movement for the Communist Party has stated that their speakers will travel the length of our country if they can get an invitation to speak before our colleges and universities in the hopes that they may recruit even one student for their cause, now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Dallas, Texas, September 22-24, 1964, that we recommend to the administrators of our high schools and universities throughout the country to give earnest consideration to the background of the speakers invited to address the various groups of students in our educational institutions, and be it

"FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion oppose the permitting of any spokesman of the communist conspiracy to use tax-supported properties as soundingboards for communist propaganda."

"Firing Line" urges its readers and their friends to exert pressure to have a law, barring communist speakers at least from tax-supported colleges and universities, introduced and adopted by every State Legislature in the United States and, thus, thwart the communist goal—subversion of the youth of our land.

Briefly Noted

UPI—NEW YORK—12/18/64—"Student 'Free Speech' advocates at the University of California received support for their cause yesterday from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In a telegram to Gov. Edmund Brown, school President Clark Kerr and 22 members of the Board of Regents, the ACLU urged that students be allowed to 'express their political opinions in the same manner as other citizens.'"

UPI—PHILADELPHIA—12/11/64—"Recent demonstrations on college campuses were attributed today to a 'vicious' and 'organized attempt by foreign money to disrupt the universities of America.' Dr. Eric A. Walker, President of Pennsylvania State University, said Thursday that college presidents were warned last March by the FBI of 'an organized attempt using bogus students and bogus faculty members to divert the energies of students into channels embarrassing to our universities.' He said the recent disturbances at the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Minne-

sota were the result of a 'vicious, organized, more than nationwide movement that must be stamped out, if we can do it without trampling on innocent toes.'"

UPI—NEW YORK—12/30/64—"A State Senate investigation yesterday linked more than 50 alleged communists and radical 'extremists' to the controversial Mobilization for Youth (MFY) welfare agency in Manhattan. A top MFY official promptly labeled the report 'McCarthyite' and nothing but a 'collection of rumors.' The report, released at a press conference by State Sen. John Marchi, a Staten Island Republican, charged that testimony from former FBI 'operatives' and other informants showed that MFY was considered by them to be a base for Communist Party operations in the area."

NEW YORK TIMES — 11/22/64 — "WORTHY REACHES ASIA TO SEE REDS"—"Writer Without Passport to Fly to Hanoi Tuesday"—"William Worthy, Jr., a newsman who has waged numerous court battles over the right to travel, arrived in Cambodia yesterday afternoon on a planned reporting journey to North Vietnam and Communist-held areas of South Vietnam. The 43 year-old Negro reporter was last denied a passport by the State Department in May because he made earlier forbidden journeys to Communist China in 1957 and Cuba in 1961. Mr. Worthy says he asked the North Vietnamese regime 'through half a dozen channels,' starting last June, for permission to enter the Communist areas, and finally received its clearance this month. He planned a stay of four to six weeks, saying he had received advance funds from two leading United States magazines. 'I have consistently maintained that all citizens have the right to go to any country that will admit them,' he said, 'and the newsmen in particular should not be prohibited by the United States Government from traveling wherever news is breaking. The news in Vietnam is obviously a matter of life and death for the American people and possibly all mankind, and we can ill afford to be ill-informed about such matters.' In his last court battle, Mr. Worthy won a decision in the Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans Feb. 20, upsetting a conviction for having returned to the United States from Cuba without a passport. The court held that the government could not make a citizen's re-entry a criminal offense. He applied here for a new passport April 16, saying he wished to travel to Africa, Europe and Asia 'to see and report the news.' He was turned down May 8."

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Mr. Walter Oleksiak

Toledo 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Oleksiak:

Your letter of March 21st has been received, and I am glad that you have found our literature to be of interest.

It is a pleasure to send 1,000 copies each of "Let's Fight Communism Sanely!" and "Communism---Slavery of Mind and Spirit" which I hope will be of interest to the members of your group. I am sending this material, under separate cover, marked "Hold for Arrival" to Mr. James B. Chambers as you suggested.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect no derogatory information with respect to correspondent and we have had prior cordial correspondence with him and sent him reprint material specifically as mentioned in his letter--in 1961, he was sent 2,000 copies of the Communist Poster (in color) and of Internal Security Statement. The 40 et 8 Group was described as an honor society and is a member of the American Legion and there is no derogatory information concerning it. It was noted in 1961 that there had been some difficulty between the group and the American Legion inasmuch as the membership of the Society was limited to white people.

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Walter Oleksiak

Toledo 8, Ohio

March 21, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. James B. Chambers, National Americanism Director of the
40 et 8 is going to the Dixie Promenade April 2nd, 3rd & 4th.

which is being held in Charleston, South Carolina. There are
going to be representatives from thirteen states and I understand
that they have quite a gathering there.

He would appreciate it very much if you could send him literature
that you have pertaining to the evils of communism, and what the
average person on the street can do about it.

I think he could use approximately 1,000 of each. His address
will be Mr. James B. Chambers, National Americanism Director, 40 et 8,
Holiday Inn, Charleston, South Carolina.

I plan on being there to help him set up a workshop for the
National Promenade which will be held in fall and there will be
representatives from the whole country.

I want to thank you again for the literature that you
sent me a few years ago for a National Promenade that was held
in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Oleksiak
Americanism Chairman
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-28-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MAURICE T. WEBB Ind.
DIRECTOR
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
THE AMERICAN LEGION National

Captioned individual has been the Director of the Americanism Commission of The American Legion in Indianapolis since 1963. He is very pro-Bureau and is responsible for the publishing of the Americanism Commission's monthly antisubversive publication, "The Firing Line." You will recall that he devoted almost the entire July, 1964, issue of "The Firing Line" to the Director under a heading "Congratulations And Thank You Mr. Hoover." This was a most favorable write-up concerning the Director's 40 years of service.

Webb is well known to you (Mr. DeLoach) and to SA Hanning who serves on the Americanism Commission. Webb recently forwarded to SA Hanning copies of the May, 1965, issue of "National News... of the American Legion Auxiliary." This publication goes to the many thousands of women members of The American Legion Auxiliary. A copy of the publication is attached. On page 4, there is an article entitled "Americanism and the F.B.I." which was written specifically for this publication by Webb. It is most commendatory of the Director and the Bureau and summarizes the Bureau's fight against crime and subversion and gives assurances that The American Legion is always in our corner.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be forwarded to Mr. Webb thanking him for this very favorable article.

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MRS. C. T. HOVIS
National Vice President
Southern Division

The Southern Division Presents Its Leaders of the Year

FIFTEEN dedicated women have given their time and talents in a year of leadership that has brought them the respect and appreciation of all with whom they have worked.

When the books of this administrative year of 1964-1965 are closed four months hence, and the history is written, we hope to have given the most distinguished member of the Southern Division, our National President, a record of service surpassing all others.

Proudly I present to you the fifteen loyal, efficient and conscientious Department Presidents of the Southern Division.

ROSE E. HOVIS
Mrs. C. T. Hovis
National Vice President

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ARKANSAS

WE reached 90 per cent of our national membership goal on February 19 and feel sure of another increase for the Department of Arkansas in 1965.

Charters have been presented to three new Units and we are in the process of organizing two other Units. A number of Units have organized active Junior groups.

The majority of our Units are carrying out all phases of the Auxiliary program, as a result of a well attended Fall Conference conducted by panels made up of enthusiastic Department chairmen.

Successful Gift Shops were operated in our three VA hospitals. The Department presented

\$1.00 canteen books to all patients in the three VA hospitals and to the veterans in our State TB Sanatorium.

Our veterans make more poppies than our Department can use, and since we do not wish to curtail this phase of our Rehabilitation program, we are again advising the national organization that we have poppies for sale to other Departments.

As a result of returned quota cards, we expect our largest Girls State in our Department's history with approximately 1,000 attending.

MRS. W. R. SMITH
President
Department of Arkansas

TEXAS

THE Dallas Convention gave our Department members an inspiration and an incentive to proceed with renewed enthusiasm. This send-off was followed through with the Fall Annual Meeting of the Department Executive Committee, at which plans for the year were presented.

It has been our fortune to retain a membership basically equal to last year. One hundred sixty-one Units reached goal by January 31, and 148 Units will receive the National President's Citation.

Our monthly Rehabilitation program continues in the ten Veterans Administration hospitals and three contract-bed Hospitals in Texas.

Gift Shops were conducted in each of these.

Some of our most active participation has been in the field of Legislation. There have been concentrated efforts in Americanism, Community Service and other major activities.

A leadership training course was conducted at our Department Mid-winter Conference, similar to the one conducted by the national organization. Reports indicate that the course was highly acceptable to the membership. Another highlight of our Mid-winter Conference was the visit of the National Vice President.

Texas is proud to have the National Historian, Rita Breaux, among its members.

MRS. JOE L. MATTHEWS
President
Department of Texas

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GEORGIA

GEORGIA proudly reports our accomplishments and plans for the year.

Our membership goal will be attained. Two Districts reached their goals by February 15. We surpassed our national pledge.

Dedicated Hospital Representatives and Volunteers serve in five VA installations, and in the state mental and tuberculosis hospitals. Five Gift Shops provided 3,500 gifts valued at \$5,000.

One hundred thousand poppies were made at two VA installations. A Poppy Anchor in memory of all service men lost at sea will again be launched at sea in co-

operation with the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

The Georgia Girls State will be attended by 325 girls. A Girls State citizen will receive a scholarship.

Americanism is stressed in the Unit, home, school and community. Flags are presented to schools, scouts and youth groups. Scholarships are available through Units, Districts and Department. "Need A Lift?" is placed in high schools and libraries.

The proposed closings of VA installations have been strongly protested. Child welfare is stressed throughout the year. A Junior Conference will be held. The news media has been most cooperative. Each phase of our program is moving forward.

Georgia is proud to have Mrs. C. T. Hovis, our Rose, ably serving as Southern Division Vice President.

MRS. WILLIAM T. PARKMAN
President

Department of Georgia

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MRS. ANDREW H. REEDER
President
Department of Virginia



MRS. W. R. SMITH
President
Department of Arkansas



MRS. JOE L. MATTHEWS
President
Department of Texas

SOUTHERN DIVISION

KENTUCKY

OUR goal for the year of 1964-1965 has been: "To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion." We have rededicated ourselves to the ideals and principles of The American Legion.

Our main endeavors have been focused on Americanism, Rehabilitation and Child Welfare.

Realizing the important part the youth of today will have in the world of tomorrow, we have stressed the need for proper training, for—"In the youth of our nation rests our hope for the future." The strength of America's heritage lies in the minds and hearts of her people.

We were honored to have as our distinguished guests at our

1936. After serving as Unit Secretary and Unit President, she was elected President of her District for 1938-1939. The following year she was appointed Department Junior Activities Chairman, and during that year when it was decided to inaugurate Girls State in Oklahoma, she was given charge of that project.

Mary Demke became Department Secretary in November of 1940, and the duties of Department Treasurer were given to her in 1943. She is also Editor of the *Auxiliary Communique*, the monthly publication of the Department, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Poppy Association, which is a joint program with The American Legion.

THROUGHOUT her 25 years in Department Headquarters, she has kept active in her Unit and District. She is now a member of Unit No. 216 in Oklahoma City, where she is serving as Membership Chairman this year. With a Department of 260 Units and nearly

The second of a series presenting Department Secretaries with long and distinguished records of service is written by Bertha Parker (Mrs. R. L.), Chairman of the National Publication Committee, about her own Department Secretary. Mrs. Parker lives in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and was Oklahoma's Department President in 1962-1963. She was recently appointed as a member of the Small Business Administration Advisory Council, a group on which women never before have served.

Oklahoma Reaches Goal

The Department of Oklahoma reached its 1965 membership goal of 20,910 on March 19, when an enrollment of 20,914 was reported to National Headquarters. Oklahoma was the first of the large continental Departments to reach goal; only the Department of Puerto Rico achieving goal at an earlier date. Mrs. T. J. Hobbs of Midwest City is Oklahoma's Department President, and Mrs. Tom Heidebrecht of Altus, Department Membership Chairman.

21,000 members, she has little time for outside activities. She is a member of the Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She has one daughter, who takes an active interest in the Auxiliary, having served in Unit and District offices, as Department Junior Activities Chairman, and on the staff at Girls State. Mary's husband, a World War I veteran, has been active in The American Legion, serving in Post, District and Department offices.

To Mary Demke being Department Secretary-Treasurer is not a job but a way of life. She lives and breathes American Legion Auxiliary.

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Oklahoma's Mary Demke

By Bertha Parker

SHE actually is too efficient to be real! I am talking about Mary Demke, Oklahoma's Department Secretary-Treasurer, who is serving her 25th distinguished year as Department Secretary this year. I worked with her as Department President of Oklahoma in 1962-1963 and I know.

Mary answers her mail the same day she gets it. She operates our Department office most efficiently with the help of one assistant. They make up the Girls State books and do all the necessary mimeographing in the way of bulletins and letters.

She works with each new set of Department officers with tact, kindness and understanding, and guides them along in their duties. She always does the right thing at the right time, and is held in high regard by members of The American Legion as well as the Auxiliary.

She is beautiful and dresses the same way.

MARY has celebrated her wedding anniversaries each year without her husband, as the date always falls during Girls State week. Each year we all enjoy the dozen roses he sends to her for the occasion. She was Director of the first Oklahoma Girls State, held in 1940, and in



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS of service as Secretary of the Oklahoma Department are being completed this year by Mary Demke (Mrs. George O.). She also has been Department Treasurer for 22 years, and has contributed much to the success and progress of the Auxiliary.

each succeeding Girls State she has served as Secretary-Treasurer. In recognition of her Girls State activities, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Women Educators has made her a State Honorary Member.

"Secretaries to the Rescue" was a plan she used as a last drive at the end of the year when we were trying to attain the Department's membership goal. She wrote to Unit Secretaries asking them to secure renewals and new members needed to reach Unit goals. This produced good results.

MARY Demke joined El Reno Unit No. 34 in El Reno, Oklahoma, in



MISS ELEANOR GREMLION
President
Department of Louisiana



MRS. JAMES W. WHITE
President
Department of Mississippi



MRS. WILLIAM T. PARKMAN
President
Department of Georgia

Mid-winter Conference in Louisville, our National President, Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews, and our National Secretary, Miss Doris Anderson.

Our poppy program is progressing nicely at our veterans hospital and all Units have been urged to increase their poppy orders this year.

We sponsored a Christmas Gift Shop at this hospital, and gave \$2,500 for the hospital's Christmas program. A donation of \$100 was made to the hospital at Carville, Louisiana.

Membership is a major concern at this time but we hope to reach our goal.

I appreciate the efforts of Unit and District Presidents, chairmen and members who have worked diligently with me this year to carry out our programs For God and Country.

MRS. CHARLES W. KETTERER
President
Department of Kentucky.

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MISSISSIPPI

THE 3,900 members of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Department of Mississippi are honored to extend greetings to all other members over the nation.

Our theme is taken from the Preamble to the Auxiliary Constitution—"For God and Country." Our objective is — "Rededication to the programs of the Auxiliary."

With these foremost in mind, we are holding a "workshop" in each Unit. This is creating enthusiasm and we believe will add new members. We are also selecting the "Outstanding Woman of the Year."

We are proud of our Christmas Gift Shop, having remembered the family of every veteran in the three veterans hospitals and two other hospitals where veterans are confined. Our Christmas Cheer—a gift for each veteran—was heart-warming.

The Child Welfare and Rehabilitation programs are being given especial emphasis in the Units,

and we are successful in reducing the financial demand upon the Department.

A scholarship is available to a deserving student.

Three new Units have been chartered and others are in the making.

Our Department is honored in having Mrs. John V. Holliday serving on the National Americanism Committee.

MRS. JAMES W. WHITE
President
Department of Mississippi

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FLORIDA

"Not Less Than Our Best" as a slogan, and striving for more education in all programs, has given impetus to our service for God and Country.

We held four two-day leadership schools; officers and chairmen workshop; eight District Junior Round-ups; Public Relations and National Security, Americanism and Civil Defense forums.

We have given financial support to three crippled children's hospitals. A special project was visits and gifts to delinquent children's training centers. Eighteen scholarships were sponsored.

More than \$24,000 was expended in our hospitalized veterans Christmas program. Two hundred Volunteer Hospital Workers served 27,000 hours. Final records, will show many hours of service by Volunteer Field Workers.

Increased numbers of poppy posters and poppy windows, and

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more "Miss Poppy" interest assured distribution of our Memorial poppies.

The "President of the Year" will be chosen and honored for her leadership of her Unit in successful Unit activities.

Proud, indeed, is Florida of Gen Ryan as National Child Welfare Chairman, and of Mamie Arnold, member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

MRS. E. A. ROBERTS
President
Department of Florida

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OKLAHOMA

THE Oklahoma Department completed its 1965 membership campaign with an "Aerial Round-up," March 15 and 16, when the Department President joined the Department Commander in flights to all eight Districts where Unit and Post representatives met them with final membership returns. I rejoice to report that the Oklahoma Department of the Auxiliary exceeded its goal.

Rehabilitation — A wonderful Christmas program was completed with Gift Shops in two VA hospitals; Christmas parties in four others and in one domiciliary; gifts for all 1,800 patients; telephone calls home, and special gifts for the hospitals.

a brighter tomorrow for these United States of America.

THIS year our Juniors are dressing the gay and colorful doll of the interesting and fascinating little country of Costa Rica—known as "The Heart of The Americas." All across the nation our girls are busy dressing dolls to represent the national costume of this little country. The blouse of the dress is white with many rows of colored rickrack, colored bias and fancy tape. The full skirt is made of red, green and blue fabric. A brief historical sketch of the characteristics of the country and its people should accompany each doll, and should be written on paper of a size suitable to attach to the doll.

The Foreign Relations Doll contest is one of the activities which give our Juniors enjoyment and knowledge of the Auxiliary program.

It is being conducted this year in accordance with the rules given on pages 15 and 16 of the Juniors Activities Handbook. The dolls must not be more than twelve or less than ten inches in height. Contest shall be in three classes: Class I—Tiny Tots through 8 years; Class II—9 through 12 years; and Class III—ages 13 to 18. Awards of same amount will be given in each class. Judging will be based as follows: typically traditional, 40 per cent; history of doll, 30 per cent; and neatness, 30 per cent.

THE goal for the month of June should be an active Junior group in every Unit, with every eligible girl enrolled. To a large degree, the future of our American Legion Auxiliary depends upon the strength of our Junior membership and the way in which we teach the Juniors the Auxiliary program.

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AS IT WAS THEN

B RILLIANT progress in providing citizenship training for girls was made during 1947. Forty-two Departments held Girls State sessions, and 19 of these were new, held for the first time.

As Chairman of the new National Girls State Committee, the task of conducting and organizing Girls State on a national basis was given to Mrs. Euga A. Campbell of Louisiana. The first Girls Nation was held in August of 1947 on the campus of American University, Washington, D. C.

THE first appearance of an Auxiliary National President on television was made by Mrs. Lee W. Hutton in an interview broadcast from New York City in 1948. Another broadcast featured Mrs. Harold S. Burdett, National Legislative Chairman, in a Forum on Universal Military Training. A telecast was made from Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.

BEGINNING with the January issue, 1948, National News became an every-member publication, with a circulation of 900,000 as against the former figure of around 50,000.

GAYLE WAITE

WHAT more appropriate time could have been designated for emphasis upon the activities of our Juniors than the month of June—the time when all of nature is putting on a flower show of beauty and fragrance, and spring is ripening into summer?

Much like June are our lovely Junior girls whose bright promise soon grows to full bloom. What a beautiful month to devote to our Juniors, and what an excellent opportunity to strengthen our Junior activities program at the grass roots!

An active and interested Junior Group is a big help to any Unit. Auxiliary members should work just as hard, if not harder, to get Junior members for their Unit as they do to obtain adult members. The national goal for the 1965 Junior membership is 125,000 members.

For only a few short years we have the opportunity to guide and direct our young people. Then almost before we realize it, they are adults, with the responsibilities of directing the affairs of their families and their communities. We need to use every opportunity to give them all the preparation we can for their coming responsibilities.

Our Juniors can be a precious gift to the future of America. In them we can give our country thousands of fine young women imbued with American ideals, trained in the operation of democratic organizations, and dedicated to the service of God and Country.

The Magic and Beauty of our Juniors

By Alice Hof

Alice Hof (Mrs. Aloys) lives in Jerome, Idaho, and was President of the Idaho Department in 1952-1953. The next year she was Chairman of the National Education and Scholarship Committee, beginning long service to the national organization which is continuing this year as Vice Chairman of the National Junior Activities Committee. Other national committees on which she has served include Rehabilitation, Community Service, National Security, Poppy, Civil Defense, and Constitution and Bylaws. She was National Vice President in 1961-1962.

Their influence can help guide our beloved country safely through the uncertain years ahead.

Nothing we can do in our Auxiliary Unit activities has greater potential value than our work with our Juniors. In many cases the girls who were Juniors a few short years ago are now Presidents of their Units and doing a tremendous job. They make fine officers because they can preside capably and talk understandably on all phases of the Auxiliary program. They are our special responsibility and our special contribution toward

Our Child Welfare program was spearheaded this year by completion of the remodeling of the buildings of our American Legion Home School, and providing all new furniture and equipment. This \$300,000.00 project is now complete and we have been working on projects to finish payment by April 25, Home School Day.

Preliminary plans have been made to act as hostess to the Area

Child Welfare and Rehabilitation conferences next fall.

We have held Americanism Essay contests. Plans are being completed for the 1965 Girls State for 420 girls. We aim to distribute one million poppies this year. We have aided in the fight against VA closings.

Mrs. T. J. HOBBS
President
Department of Oklahoma



MRS. JAMES J. McDADE, JR.
President
Department of Panama



MRS. ROWLAND ROELOFS
President
Department of Tennessee



MRS. E. A. ROBERTS
President
Department of Florida

SOUTH CAROLINA

THE following is a list of the accomplishments and objectives of the Department of South Carolina for the year 1964-1965:

We have 85 per cent of our membership goal.

We have raised \$10,000.00 for a permanent headquarters building. (The Auxiliary's part of a Department Headquarters with the Legion.)

We have edited a book which includes a list of 400 Gold Star Mothers. We hope to cover the state and complete the list by Con-

vention time. The books are to be placed in our new Headquarters.

We have supported the Legislative program of the Legion. Telegrams were sent to all South Carolina Senators and Congressmen protesting the closing of veterans hospitals.

We have contributed \$1,000.00 to a joint fund with the Legion for Child Welfare work. This is over and above the regular amount spent for our Department Child Welfare program. We are supporting legislation for the prevention

of child abuse, now before our Legislature.

To present the national program to our Units, we conducted workshops at our Zone Meetings in the fall.

Our objects for 1964-1965 are: (1) A Goal Department in membership; (2) A Junior Group in every Unit; (3) Organization of ten new Units.

South Carolina is honored to have three members serving in the national leadership: Mrs. Oscar B. Franklin, National Chaplain; Mrs. J. Irby Foster, Vice Chairman of the National Membership Committee, and Mrs. Harry Martin, member of the National Junior Activities Committee.

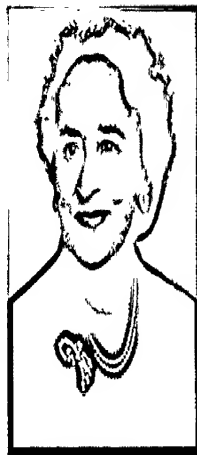
We have had the pleasure of entertaining the Southern Vice President, Mrs. C. T. Hovis, and the National President, Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews.

MRS. THOMAS W. HUEY
President
Department of South Carolina

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MRS. LOY JORDAN
President
Department of Alabama
(Left)



MRS. THOMAS W. HUEY
President
Department of South Carolina
(Right)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

TENNESSEE

THE Department of Tennessee is very proud of the many accomplishments of its Units and it is difficult to put a finger on the most outstanding work of the Department. All officers and chairmen have worked hard, and have made many advances in the different phases of our activities.

We are very happy to have been able to present eight college scholarships of \$200.00 each, and also seven scholarships of \$150.00 for nurses training.

We hold two Girls State sessions, and the number of citizens has increased each year, with more than 500 attending this year.

Our Americanism essay contest, "Essentials of a Peaceful and Secure Future," was most successful and a real contribution not only to the Americanism program but also to the National Security program.

of hope and encouragement to eighty million captive people in the satellite countries of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria.

This year, again through Radio Free Europe, the contribution from members and Units of the American Legion Auxiliary will be earmarked exclusively for women's programs, such as religious programs, medical programs, child care programs and musical programs.

THE goal of the Auxiliary's National Committee on National Security this year is the active participation of every Auxiliary member in promoting the welfare of the home, community, state and nation by *security through strength; security for our citizens; security through savings and sharing security world wide.*

Since you are the "U" in National Security for the U.S.A., what you do is essential. Are you doing your share?

Prayer for May

Month of emphasis on the Memorial Poppy.

"And David longed, and said: Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate! And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: Nevertheless, he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord. And he said, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? Therefore, he would not drink it."

THE LAST WORDS OF DAVID. Samuel 23: 15, 16, 17

FATHER, we humbly and reverently bow in memory of our "Mighty Men" who did brake through the enemy lines to preserve our great heritage. May we be ever conscious of the sacrifice they made in battle. We are unworthy to "drink" of the full joys of our freedom. Grant that we may, in memory of them, dedicate our lives to the cause for which they fought and died, and to the Glory of God. In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray.

SOPHIA LOWRY FRANKLIN
Mrs. Oscar B. Franklin
National Chaplain

For National Security...

Are You Doing Your Share?

AMERICA's hope for the future is her young people and they are faced with the "Challenge of Tomorrow."

Surely the education of every child in America is of prime importance, and we of the American Legion Auxiliary carry part of the responsibility of seeing that every child has the opportunity to receive education to his highest potential.

LIKE all other expenses, the cost of a college education today has increased tremendously, making it necessary for many families to prepare for this expenditure by systematic saving. No more convenient way to practice thrift and no more sound investment is available to wage earners than United States Savings Bonds.

And as the adults in a family regularly purchase Savings Bonds, the children in the family can purchase Savings Stamps through the U.S. Treasury Department's School Savings Program. Thousands of schools in America have a share in this program. In these schools at a designated period one day each week, students can purchase Savings Stamps and Bonds at school. This provides the regularity without which most personal savings plans fail.

Many schools lack the personnel to carry on this program and de-

By Ellen Pierce Randall

Ellen Pearce Randall (Mrs. Vernon H.) is serving her twelfth consecutive year in an important national assignment, this year as Chairman of the National Committee on National Security. She was National Vice President for the Eastern Division in 1957-1958, and has served as Chairman or Member of the National Committees on Americanism, Radio-TV, Civil Defense, Girls State, Constitution and Bylaws and Foreign Relations. Her home was in Baltimore, Maryland, and she was President of the Maryland Department in 1952-1953. At present she is living in Chamblee, Georgia.

pend on volunteers to operate the School Savings Program. Many Auxiliary members volunteer for this service in their local schools as a major part of their Unit National Security Program.

As the security of our nation is of major concern to us, we are also concerned that the captive people behind the Iron Curtain have the opportunity to regain their lost freedoms. For several years, our members and Units have been able to prove their concern by making contributions to Radio Free Europe—a private, non-profit American network of thirty-one powerful transmitters and relay stations located in Portugal and West Germany sending programs

More than 2,000 essays were submitted.

Gift Shops were operated in two of our VA hospitals, with 4,854 gifts being donated by the Units. Cash contributions amounted to \$822.50, and a gift was presented to each hospitalized veteran at Christmas time.

Three hundred thousand poppies were made by disabled veterans in three of our four VA hospitals. Many Units increased their poppy orders this year, with nearly 100 per cent participation by the Units.

Many children have been cared for through our Child Welfare program. We have stressed support of the National Child Welfare Foundation.

Our Community Service work has been outstanding, with Units participating in all community improvement campaigns and projects.

This has been a good year, and as we face the future we are ever mindful that our work for "God and Country" will grow and grow.

MRS. ROWLAND ROELOFS
President
Department of Tennessee

PANAMA

SERVING together, the Units and Department of Panama have made every effort to carry out the program of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Americanism has been stressed throughout Panama. I was happy, personally, to present the Department with a new American flag and Department Banner.

We are proud of our achievements in Child Welfare and Foreign Relations. Our Units are working with "Boys Town" in Costa Rica. As Costa Rica is the country under study this year, we are fortunate to hold our Department Convention there.

In our Civil Defense program we sponsor a Nurses Aide group of high school girls known as the "Pink Girls." They are awarded certificates and do volunteer service work in hospitals and communities. A scholarship is given to the outstanding girl.

Letters and telegrams regarding the closing of VA installations were sent to Senators.

"Caribbean Girls State" is well underway and we are looking forward to a successful session.



MRS. T. J. HOBBS
President
Department of Oklahoma
(Left)



MRS. A. M. SCARBOROUGH
President
Department of North Carolina
(Right)

We are striving to reach our membership goal.

Poppy Day was successful. Wreaths were made for Memorial Day and poppies are used throughout the year for decorations.

In our Rehabilitation work, donations were made to stateside veterans hospitals, and assistance given to veterans' widows.

MRS. JAMES J. MCDADE, JR.
President
Department of Panama Canal Zone

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ALABAMA

ALABAMA was off to a good start with approximately 50 per cent of its membership goal for 1965 enrolled by convention time in Dallas. There we presented "Our Lillian" with a beautiful Early Bird plaque bearing the names of 32 goal Units.

Serving as Department President while Alabama's Woman of the Year is National President has been an honor and a privilege. The entire Department is so very proud and we're busily working on every phase of the program.

The Rehabilitation program has been outstanding with three above-average Gift Shops and one Christmas Caravan, and an increased number of Hospital Volunteers. Saving of old nylons and scrap materials for therapy projects has been very successful.

We are proud of our National Vice Chairman of Rehabilitation and VAVS Representative, Mrs. Joseph Bass, and we are strongly behind our T.N.T., packaged by Mrs. Dan Waite, Jr., National Girls State Chairman.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

The Education and Scholarship program is flourishing in Alabama as we concentrate on school drop-outs and place "Need A Lift?" in every school. We boast of 14 scholarships.

Alabama's homecoming for Lillian Andrews was a lovely and successful event.

Alabama boasts the only Junior Camp. Throughout the camp week, Junior Auxiliary members are taught Americanism and other important facets of the program. Girls State continues to be an outstanding activity.

Five new Units have been chartered and Alabama is striving to do its share in achieving that "Million for Lillian."

MRS. LOY JORDAN
President
Department of Alabama

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MRS. CHARLES W. KETTERER
President
Department of Kentucky

emblem of the high ideals for which those men gave their lives.

As Poppy Day draws near, have you stopped to think that the success of the 1965 Poppy Program depends on you? No one can take your place. Twenty million poppies require Poppy Day volunteers by the thousands and one of those thousands is you! Resolve now that:

"On Poppy Day I will be one of the American Legion Auxiliary members who distribute poppies in my community."

The funds obtained from the distribution of the poppies enable the Rehabilitation and Child Welfare programs to function at full effectiveness. Poppy Day is your opportunity to extend a helping hand to a child you have never seen—to let a disabled veteran in a hospital know that you care—to show the veteran in your community that you remember the sacrifices he made for America.

This year of 1965 continues to bring great changes to our lives. All the more reason to pause to pay tribute to those courageous defenders of liberty whose sacrifices are immortalized in the brilliant red of the Memorial Poppy. Let Memorial Day be truly a day of remembrance for those who sacrificed their lives for the preservation of justice, freedom and democracy.

Wear a Memorial Poppy with pride! Wear it with pride that you live in a land where the sacrifice of life was not made in vain and where lasting gratitude goes out to the nation's defenders.

If You Are Under 80

... let us tell you how you can still apply for a \$1,000 life insurance policy (issued up to age 80). Once your application is approved, you may carry the policy the rest of your life.

No one will call on you. And there is no obligation.

Tear out this ad and mail it today with your name, address and year of birth to Old American Insurance Co., 4900 Oak, Dept. L564N, Kansas City, Mo. 64141.

"So small, so red"

A remembrance of the dead

From boys who have paid the price

For the Poppy of Sacrifice."



will sound, as we pause in remembrance of those who gave their lives that America might live on in freedom.

Just before Memorial Day comes Poppy Day—the day for individual tribute to the nation's war dead. On that day we of the American Legion Auxiliary will ask everyone to "wear a poppy." This year more than twenty million of the little red flowers have been made, each one by the hands of a disabled veteran.

THE poppy begins to assist before it leaves the hands of the disabled veteran. Making poppies helps speed the long hospital hours. The work is a change from normal hospital routine. For many, it offers the only opportunity to earn money during the year. It brings a feeling of accomplishment to men who have been hospitalized for months or years, giving them the self-satisfaction that can only be achieved through productive labor.

But the results of the poppy do not stop when the flower is completed. Trace its path, step by step, from the hands of the disabled veteran to your American Legion Auxiliary Unit—from your hands to the wearer of the poppy on Poppy Day. As its scarlet beauty blooms, it helps rekindle the spirit of patriotism.

THE approach of Poppy Day brings the question—have we done all we can to assure that everyone in our communities is aware of the significance of Poppy Day? Do we let them think that it is just another "tag day" when "those



DIRECTS POPPY PROGRAM—Mary Lou Chester (Mrs. William D. Jr.) of Louisville, Kentucky, is chairman of the National Poppy Committee this year, guiding the nation-wide observance of Poppy Day. Last year she was Kentucky's Department President.

women" are asking for money? Or are we telling the story of the poppy in a way that all will hear and understand?

The story goes back, as you know, to World War I when the scarlet blooms were the only signs of nature's beauty our men could see on the battlefields and cemeteries in France and Belgium. The small blossoms were the only floral tribute on the graves of fighting men who had fallen in battle.

A soldier, soon himself to die wrote a poem which went: "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row . . ." and the poppy became the memorial flower, recognized as the

VIRGINIA

- V Virginia's chief concern is our veteran and his family. We have three veterans hospitals and many wonderful volunteer hospital workers.
- I Importance of increasing our membership and our poppy sales for our above work.
- R Relationship excellent between the Legion and ourselves. Our \$25.00 membership wager goes toward a mist tent if we win and to the Child Welfare Foundation if we lose.
- G Girls State, one of our outstanding youth programs. We train more than 600 girls yearly.
- I Interest very keen in having a "Unit President of the Year." Each District honors its winner. From records of the District winners, Mrs. Hazel Huey, Department President of South Carolina, will select our Department winner. This winner will be announced and honored at our Department Convention.
- N Naturally we are striving for a Goal Department. Watch us get it!
- I Intention of every member is constant service for God and Country.
- A Another year's work will soon be history. We want the best!

MRS. ANDREW H. REEDER
President
Department of Virginia

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LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA's Public Relations project has joined forces with its membership team of Department officers to rank Louisiana high in membership with 1965 goal in sight. This is due in a great measure to the outstanding work of Louisiana Auxiliary women in all programs.

"Operation Isenburg" gives our Public Relations program an international flavor as we ship books and magazines to the African State of Nigeria where one of our Past Department Presidents puts these to use as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Women of our Units are recognized for outstanding community service, religious and civic work on our Public Relations page in the Department's monthly publication.

We hosted the Area C Conference last December and had our national officers with us. Mrs. W. W. Andrews, National President, was guest speaker.

Americanism programs have held the spot light in many of our Units the year around. Our Legislative activities have included protesting the closing of VA installations.

Toy and Gift Shops, District hospital programs, and our Poppy program brought us good publicity. Rehabilitation and Child Welfare programs have been promoted by large and small Units alike.

Our Mid-winter Conference was well attended and successful. We were honored to have Mrs.

C. T. Hovis, National Vice President, with us.

Louisiana continues her forward march in every Auxiliary program, with membership our immediate concern.

MISS ELEANOR GREMILLION
President

Department of Louisiana

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NORTH CAROLINA

THE Department of North Carolina has stressed all phases of the program of the American Legion Auxiliary. We present our accomplishments for the 1964-1965 Auxiliary year with pride.

The appeal of "A Million for Lillian" has been heard throughout the Department with the result that the Department is nearing its membership goal.

The highest of goals are being reached in Rehabilitation and Child Welfare, with our continuing aid to the veterans in our four VA hospitals, and with field work throughout the state.

Our Child Welfare Committee has met with the Legion in two very rewarding meetings on constructive Child Welfare work through legislation.

Rehabilitation activities have included Gift Shops, Christmas one dollar bills, monthly donations to patients who do not receive any funds, and numerous other activities for the hospitalized veterans.

Under our Educational Loan Fund, three loans have been made this year.

Girls State plans are in full swing, with 300 girls expected to attend.

Our National Security, Civil Defense, Americanism and Legislation programs have been prominent throughout our Department. Music has been our way of life. Our newly approved Constitution and Bylaws has been printed this year.

Our 247 Units have been working hard, thereby making our American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina, justly proud.

MRS. A. M. SCARBOROUGH,

President

Department of North Carolina

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Hymn of the Month

MAY

Holy, Holy, Holy. By Reginald Heber (1783-1826) who is unique among hymn-writers in that practically all his hymns are still in use. He had a vision of the power and value of good congregational singing. He appreciated the value of welding sermon, hymnal and liturgy into one unified whole. The hymn tune, "Nicaea," is by John Dykes.

LUCILLE HAYDEN

Mrs. Henry G. Hayden, Chairman
National Music Committee

SOUTHERN DIVISION



The Poppy of Sacrifice

By Mary Lou Chester

"Little Flower of Red

Proudly lift your head

You're the symbol of heroes brave

Each poppy fair is for a boy
over there

Made by others whose lives were
saved

Let us help them live

Let us gladly give

For the Poppy of Sacrifice."

—Audrey Mae Micir.

MEMBERS of the American Legion Auxiliary will join together to distribute the tiny red crepe paper poppy, a symbol to remind us perpetually of the sacrifices made by our nation's defenders in three great conflicts.

As you wear your poppy, let it remind you of the nation's war dead, but remember that it is assisting the wars' living victims. Listen! the poppy speaks to those who pause to hear its message. It tells of our debt to those who made the supreme sacrifice that we might enjoy liberty. It tells of the disabled veteran and the needy

child who will receive assistance from the Poppy Program.

"Memorial Day, 1965!" What will it mean to you? Is it the first picnic of summer? The opening of the swimming pool? "Decoration Day" in your old home town? For millions of Americans, Memorial Day is a day to be observed in reverence.

ON the 30th day of May, Americans everywhere pay tribute to their departed loved ones. Flags will fly, bands will play, as men and boys, women and girls march in Memorial Day parades. Bugles

citizens again placed in the position of worrying about the well-being of their loved ones because we allowed the destruction of a group of men who are dedicated to looking after the best interests of all of us?

There are well meaning citizens who, today, find fault with their fellow citizens who are trying in their own way to defeat godless communism and, at the same time, to make sure that some other form or group just as ruthless as the communists will not prevail and warp the thinking of the majority of United States citizens. It is a shame that these well-meaning individuals can't see the woods for the trees. While they are tearing each other apart, a ruthless group is tearing down the F. B. I. and, at the same time, attacking the very foundation of our country—the belief of our citizens in our democratic form of government.

You can help because there is more truth than fiction in the old adage, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." You can call upon the members of your Unit to not only continue to support those positive youth programs of the Auxiliary, which build strong American character, but you can stand up and be counted and let your community know that you, as an individual, support Mr. Hoover and the agents of the F. B. I.

Because the F. B. I. was born out of a desire to strengthen the American dream and make it come true, it has come true. If the F. B. I. is destroyed or even its effectiveness weakened, a supporting pillar of the protection we are all guaranteed will crumble and we will all forever regret our passiveness in permitting this to happen.

Patriotic Song of the Month

May—*Columbia the Gem of the Ocean*

Words and music of this song were written in 1843 by Thomas A. Becket. The song was written for a friend to use at a theatrical benefit. The composer made no money from the song, but was grateful that he, a native of England, had the honor of writing a patriotic song for his adopted country.

LUCILLE HAYDEN

Mrs. Henry G. Hayden, Chairman,
National Music Committee

"The National Drivers' Test" will be presented by CBS television Monday, May 24, 10:00 to 11:00 p.m., Eastern and Pacific Zones, and 9:00 to 10:00 p.m., Central and Mountain Zones. We think you would find it of interest to watch!

"Come to the Aid of the Andrews Symphonettes!"

A Personal Letter to Every Member

May 1, 1965

Dear Member:

My congratulations on the job you have accomplished thus far—but time is growing short with only 85 days before the books close on July 24 for the National Convention. Is it possible to reach our 1965 goal? Yes, definitely, and with your personal help it can be done!

You are a 1965 member, have paid your dues—your interest resulted in this and your interest can sell others. You had a reason for paying your dues: (1.) You believe in our organization; (2.) Someone believed in it strongly enough to sell you on it; or (3.) You felt the desperate need of women "serving others" in this chaotic world of today.

Now, I'm asking your personal assistance in helping secure the 100,000 members for our goal. That is a large number, I agree, but consider the size of The American Legion with a membership of 2,500,000 compared to our 900,000. Why are these wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of Legionnaires not counted among us? Won't you contact them today with an invitation?

Why are our goals set and so important to us? It's a mark of determining success and important to all of us because: (1.) The number of delegates to all our conventions is based on paid membership; (2.) All our budgets are based on members—to lose members is to lose money; (3.) "In great numbers there is strength." Our Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic organization dedicated to great purposes which require great strength to accomplish.

To put it on a community level, if each of the more than 13,000 local Units reaches goal, plus a few more, one million members would be enrolled. We did it once and we can do it again!

Stop and think—lay aside this article! I am sure you can think of someone (relative, friend, neighbor) who is eligible for membership. Why not call on her today! Explain our activities and programs and be

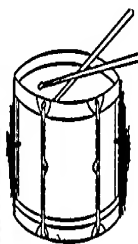
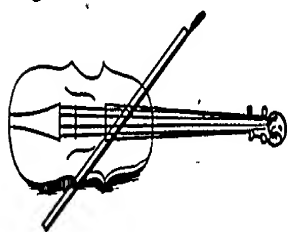
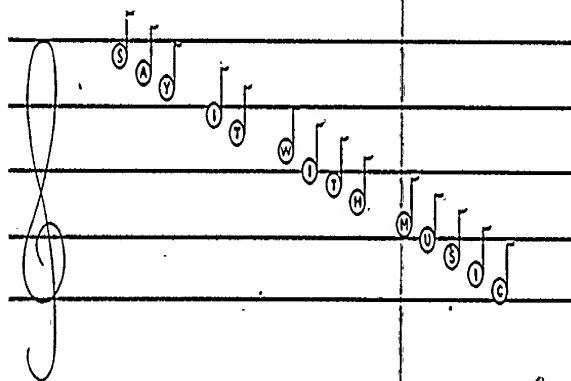
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The Andrews Symphonettes

National Symphony Membership Orchestra

OBJECTIVE: 53 Piece Symphony Orchestra (53 Goal-Exceeding Departments) with OVER "A MILLION (Members) FOR LILLIAN!"

*"In '65 Be Alert and Alive—
Jump and Jive with Goal Plus 5!"*



STRING SECTIONS (Central Division)

Department	1965 Mbrship 4/1/65	% of Goal
Illinois	69658	92.64
Indiana	42630	95.43
Iowa	50583	97.54
Kansas	28295	97.43
Michigan	24843	93.91
Missouri	21892	93.92
Ohio	42734	92.05
West Virginia	6173	92.12
Wisconsin	37107	98.10
	323,915	94.86

(Northwestern Division)

Colorado	7394	95.17
Minnesota	44618	99.63
Montana	6335	92.54
Nebraska	23468	95.78
North Dakota	14511	98.92
South Dakota	16473	98.43
Wyoming	5101	95.15
	117,900	97.71

PERCUSSION SECTION (Southern Division)

Department	1965 Mbrship 4/1/65	% of Goal
Alabama	5243	100.13
Arkansas	5884	90.37
Florida	15948	98.63
Georgia	9888	95.53
Kentucky	5627	88.73
Louisiana	12893	96.69
Mississippi	4188	94.75
North Carolina	9001	93.36
Oklahoma	21129	101.05
Panama	164	89.62
Puerto Rico	1257	106.80
South Carolina	6362	88.61
Tennessee	7361	89.06
Texas	17892	88.53
Virginia	5188	91.92
	128,025	94.43

building the materials to supply young American men with the tools with which to defend themselves and our country around the world?

What agency has spent more time than any other in the surveillance and detection of communists in this country? The answer to that question is; no other agency has been as diligent in this pursuit and as dedicated to the American principle and to protecting our way of life as the F. B. I. has been and continues to be.

As you read this article, as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, you are probably thinking of the title, "Americanism and The F. B. I.," and you are no doubt wondering what message we are trying to leave with you. Many of you read in the July 1964 issue of "Firing Line" the lead article entitled, "Congratulations And Thank You Mr. Hoover!," which congratulated the man and the

agency on forty years of dedicated service. Since that article was published, we have witnessed a vilification of that same man and of that same agency and a dedicated effort on the part of some misled individuals to tarnish that record of service which has commanded an undying respect for this man and this arm of our Federal Government.

How is Americanism connected with the F. B. I.? It is so closely connected that if the muckraking element in our society is successful in destroying the citizens' belief in this agency and, thereby eliminating its effectiveness, we will see the cause of communism, the cause of the Ku Klux Klan, the cause of the Nazis, and every other form of ideology which depraved minds can create, served and Americanism as we know it today will no longer exist.

THE American Legion Auxiliary permits the Director of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion to submit this article to your magazine, which goes into the hands of 900,000 patriotic American women. This entails an obligation to leave with you a message which would give you something to think over, something to discuss at your next Unit meeting, something to discuss with the young people in your home and community. If the enemies of the F. B. I. are successful in destroying the effectiveness of the agents of that organization, who will assure you as a mother, wife, and American that you will not see the clock turned back and

Maurice T. Webb of Newnan, Georgia, has served as Director of the National Americanism Division of The American Legion since July 1, 1963. Before his appointment to this office, he had been Assistant to the Director; Assistant Domiciliary Officer of the Veterans Administration at Thomasville, Georgia, and served as Department Adjutant for Georgia. He is a former National Chairman of the Child Welfare program, and an Infantry veteran of World War II. He received an LL.B. degree from Woodrow Wilson College of Law in Atlanta, Georgia. He and his wife, Frances, reside in The American Legion National Headquarters city of Indianapolis. Their son, Marty, is a student at Georgia Military Academy.

Americanism

and the F. B. I.

By Maurice T. Webb

NATIONAL Commander Donald E. Johnson in recent weeks has stated many times: "Mr. Hoover and the F. B. I. need no defense by The American Legion but, if a vote of confidence or simple expression of faith is in order, they have it from The American Legion."

With this statement, the National Commander of the largest veterans organization in the world made it crystal clear where The American Legion stands relative to a great man; it also made it crystal clear where it stands relative to an organization, called the F. B. I., which has down through the years protected the rights of our citizens and even the privilege of walking down the streets of the cities of our United States without the fear of being attacked by some member of the underworld element.

In the 1930's, J. Edgar Hoover and the valiant men of the F. B. I. were waging a relentless war against the lawless element in these United States. During that period of our history, citizens did not have time to worry about what was going on in other parts of the world because, daily, they were reading of the exploits of John Dillinger and others of the same ilk.

The agents of the F. B. I., with the cooperation of the local law enforcement agencies in our country, were successful in turning back the tide of the lawless elements who would have made fear the watchword of the average American. Can

we forget the 1930's and the important part the F. B. I. played in the lives of all citizens?

THEN, there was the advent of World War II and, again, the F. B. I. came into the picture. There are men still living who served this country on the home-front as heroically as if they had served on the battlefields in Europe or in the Pacific. They served as agents of the F. B. I. and rounded up the enemy within the boundaries of these United States. This duty was performed at a salary which would surprise you. Any of these men could have gone into defense industries and doubled and, in some instances, tripled their incomes.

The internal security of this country was protected by the F. B. I. Can we forget those days early in World War II when these agents protected our beloved country from those who would sabotage the very industries which were

Membership Facts and Figures

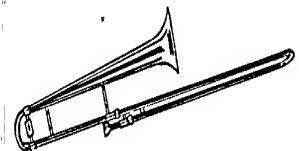
By Cecilia Wenz
National Treasurer

THE membership picture at National Headquarters was a bright one as we continued our pace of three thousand more members enrolled this year over the same date last year.

The figures on membership show that on April 1, 1965—851,832 members had paid their 1965 dues (compared with 848,930 on the same date last year) and we have now attained 94.18% of our national goal.

THREE Departments—Puerto Rico, Oklahoma and the National President's home Department of Alabama can now boast of being goal Departments. Fourteen other Departments were above 95% of goal—Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The brightest spot in our membership picture at April 1 was the reassuring fact that with just a little extra effort it appeared that all 38 of the Departments with over 90% of their goal could attain goal in only a short time!



WOODWIND SECTION (Eastern Division)

Department	1965 Mbrship 4/1/65	% of Goal
Connecticut	9190	93.99
Delaware	1308	90.21
Dist. of Columbia	1819	80.77
Maine	7909	93.65
Maryland	10108	93.00
Massachusetts	20341	90.39
New Hampshire	5447	91.09
New Jersey	21993	92.91
New York	49201	92.64
Pennsylvania	69414	91.35
Rhode Island	3354	88.61
Vermont	3754	85.75
	<u>203,838</u>	<u>91.73</u>

BRASS SECTION (Western Division)

Department	1965 Mbrship 4/1/65	% of Goal
Alaska	863	85.19
Arizona	3550	83.73
California	37421	94.17
Hawaii	852	81.77
Idaho	4281	91.47
Nevada	1097	84.65
New Mexico	2305	94.24
Oregon	9386	90.90
Utah	4822	97.04
Washington	13144	93.02
	<u>77,721</u>	<u>92.66</u>

"Come to the Aid of the Andrews Symphonettes!"

(Continued from page 27)

sure to take an application and membership card! If she must establish eligibility, take a Post member with his application along with you. Make it a two-way family affair if possible.

If you cannot think of any eligible women, why not check these possibilities: (1.) Go over last year's remittance sheet to check for renewals; (2.) Go over the last five years' remittance sheets for reinstatements. Rekindle the interest they once had. (3.) Check The American Legion Post roster for eligible members. (4.) Have you asked the ex-service women of your community to join? (5.) Check the list of deceased veterans' families. Welcome Gold Star Mothers, sisters, wives and daughters to your Unit. (6.) Contact your members who have moved from your town to explain why continuous membership is important. (7.) Do not forget the important Junior members. Having them as members not only helps the future of youth, our nation, but our organization, as well. (8.) Have you called again on members who refused earlier to pay dues, giving various reasons? Your best diplomat should return the call.

Then, divide the list of prospective members, among the active members, who, provided with membership material, are your Unit's personal contact "Knocking on Doors."

We have something to offer every woman because we need many talents for the many jobs to make our programs successful. With diplomacy and determination, every name listed can become a member. Never take "no" for an answer—follow-up your first contact!

What do you say—that your Unit is goal already? Is your District, your Department, also? Well, your national organization is not, so we beg your help in putting forth at this time the extra effort in making national goal a reality, not just a dream.

Remember, all things are possible with the help of God—IF you believe in them, work for them. In your hands, feet and heart lies this power. I have great faith in God and you, as an Auxiliary member who knows only the word "success."

Can I count on your immediate help in this matter? I'll anxiously be waiting your personal letter or dues pouring into National Headquarters.

Devotedly,
JANE GILL (Mrs. W. N.)
National Membership Chairman

Be a Poppy Day Volunteer!



MAY is the month of beautiful flowers, but none has the deep inner beauty of the Memorial Poppy. It is just a little paper flower, fashioned imperfectly by the hands of men, yet it glows with reflection of heroic service to the cause of human freedom. Surely, everyone will wear a Poppy on Poppy Day!

Yes, practically everyone will wear a Poppy if the opportunity is presented. Few who understand the meaning of the Poppy will say no when offered one of the little red flowers. But where no Poppy is offered, none will be worn.

Let us make sure that a Poppy is offered to everyone in our community. Let's make that a personal responsibility, and be out at an assigned post with our basket of flowers and our contribution container at our assigned hour on Poppy Day—every one of us who is able.

WORKING as a Poppy Day Volunteer has high rewards. It gives us a personal part in reawakening America to inspiring memories of the past—it brings the gratifying knowledge that we, ourselves, have helped America pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives that this nation could live on in freedom—and it gives the warm feeling that we have helped gather the contributions which will aid disabled veterans and needy children during the year ahead.

We can hope for a bright sun on Poppy Day, and bright faces everywhere as we distribute the bright little flowers of memory.

Lillian P. Andrews

MRS. WALTER WILD ANDREWS
National President

Tell Your Veterans . . . They May Be Eligible

By John J. Corcoran
Director
National Rehabilitation
Division
The American Legion

American Legion Auxiliary members are asked to help the Veterans Administration locate veterans who, although rated as service-connected disabled, may not know they are eligible to apply for new or increased GI insurance coverage.

More than 1.6 million veterans have service-connected disabilities which are less than 10 percent disabling. Since they receive no compensation, they have not kept the VA informed of their current addresses. Through the years the VA has had no reason to search for them.

WIVES, mothers, sisters and friends of ex-servicemen—you could remind them that a service-connected disability, even though paying no compensation, is mighty important under this new law. They could be entitled to purchase up to \$10,000 of National Service Life Insurance, including any amount already in force.

Ladies of the Auxiliary—Here is a real chance to help. Remind the veterans in your families and among your friends and neighbors to check their eligibility with the VA. The opportunity is short—just one year beginning May 1, 1965 and ending May 2, 1966.

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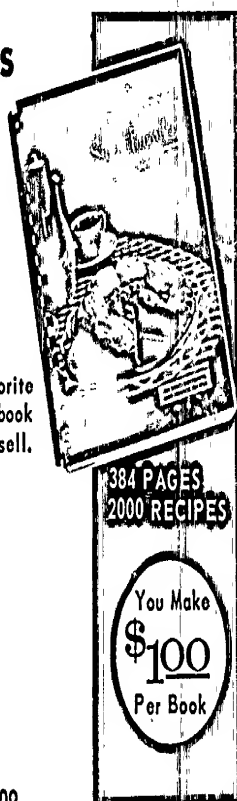
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"THE PEN IS STILL"



ALMOST forty years ago, a young journalist named Harold Robinson picked up the American Legion Auxiliary pen and began to inscribe forceful words of great principle and record for posterity the work of this organization's dedicated Volunteers. Through the years, we learned an increasing respect for his ability and his words of wisdom. His creative editorship of this magazine was well known to each of us as was his contribution to our progress in the Unit News Spots, the Poppy magazine and our histories, to mention a few. Unbeknown to many was his creative and intuitive phrasing in words the policies and thoughts of so many as he wrote introductions, greetings and speeches. His was an humbleness of wishing that no credit or recognition of his labors be given but only that he might witness a greater American Legion Auxiliary.

EARLY Saturday morning, April 3, after a full and productive week at National Headquarters in working on this issue of the magazine and while in process of writing the latest history, Robby put down his pen. The heart attack which he suffered at his home brought death to him during the night. As a veteran of both World Wars I and II

he knew well the dangers of war and the loneliness of hospitalized veterans. His love of country, his belief of our nation as a land of opportunity for all and citizenship as a responsibility for each one shone clearly through his words. As a charter member of The American Legion, he never forgot or ceased to remind us of our obligation as an Auxiliary to The American Legion. His love of his own family prompted his increasing concern for America's next generation —our children. His kindly manner and gentlemanly demeanor won for him friends in all parts of our nation. His reticence to claim any credit for his endeavors only endeared him the more to his friends. His most fitting tribute will be the knowledge that, like footprints on the immortal sands of time, Robby's words will always be as pearls of wisdom to all who read and are inspired.

We shall miss our friend, Robby, whose mighty pen is now still.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 4/20/65

FROM : J. J. Casper

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION-NATIONAL ACADEMY
FIREARMS PROFICIENCY AWARD
75TH SESSION, FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

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As a result of the firearms training held for the 75th Session, FBI National Academy, it was determined that Detective Sergeant [redacted] Kentucky State Police, Frankfort, Kentucky, achieved the highest average of 94.3% on all firearms scores. His closest competitor was Assistant Chief James C. Pearson, Auburn, Alabama, PD with 93.1%.

[redacted] has been an above-average student while at the National Academy. He is [redacted] years of age and has eight years' experience in law enforcement. His progress in law enforcement was considered above average by the SAC, and he was highly praised by command and supervisory personnel of his department. He won this award based on his consistency with all weapons and is a deserving winner.

It will be recommended that [redacted] name be inscribed on the award and that it be presented to him in the Director's office on Monday, May 24, 1965, at a time to be designated by the Director. We feel that the firearms award should be presented separately from the John Edgar Hoover Medal for Excellence in the Study of Law Enforcement, and a separate memorandum will be prepared on this award as soon as all examinations have been completed, notebooks and research papers have been graded.

It will be further recommended that an appropriate notation be made at the bottom of the page in the graduation program containing the class roster to indicate [redacted] as winner of this award.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the name of Detective Sergeant [redacted] be inscribed on the firearms award.

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J. J. Casper to Mr. Mohr Memorandum
Re: American Legion National Academy
Firearms Proficiency Award
75th Session, FBI National Academy

2. That the firearms plaque be presented in the Director's office
to Detective Sergeant [redacted] on Monday, May 24, 1965.

OK 10 A.M. May 24

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[Signature]

3. If approved, that the Director please set a time for this
presentation.

OK
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[Signature]

4. That appropriate notation be made in the graduation program
to indicate [redacted] as winner of this award.

OK
X

[Signature]

[Signature]

May 6, 1965

gm

Ind.

Memphis, Tennessee

Dear

Upon his return from Indianapolis, Mr. DeLoach advised me of the kind and complimentary remarks you made before the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in connection with the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation resolution.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you for this gracious gesture. I am sure the strong ties between The American Legion and the FBI, forged by a mutual desire for a better America, will continue as long as such dedicated men as yourself do everything possible to maintain the spirit of cooperation which has existed over the years between The American Legion and the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I thought you would be interested in seeing a copy of the attached resolution which was passed unanimously by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion. This Committee is the ruling body of that organization.

I think this resolution is indeed a great tribute to your forthright and strong stand concerning the Vietnam situation from an organization dedicated to the highest principles of America. It further condemns those segments of our society who join with the communists in propaganda efforts to belittle your policies with which all dedicated Americans are in agreement concerning Vietnam.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

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Mr. Maurice T. Webb
Director

National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

Dear Mr. Webb:

Special Agent Donald G. Hanning has called to my attention the May, 1965, issue of "National News... of the American Legion Auxiliary" which contains your article entitled "Americanism and the F.B.I."

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your most complimentary article and for the thoughts contained in it. I have always been proud of the close ties which exist between The American Legion and the FBI, and articles such as yours are most reassuring. I hope you won't hesitate to contact us if we can ever be of assistance to you in matters of mutual interest.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo dated 4-28-65, captioned "Maurice T. Webb, Director, National Americanism Commission, The American Legion."

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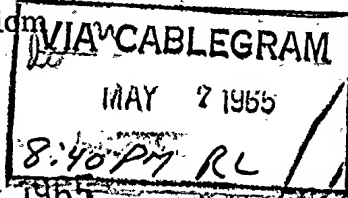
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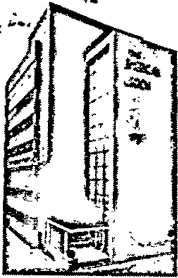
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1608 K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

May 6, 1965

Mr. G. D. DeLoach
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Deke:

Donald ~~NT~~ Johnson

Enclosed is a copy of Commander Johnson's itinerary for the Far East trip, which he will be making with James F. Q'Neil, [redacted] and [redacted].

May we again call on you and your agents for assistance on portions of this trip. We would like to have someone meet them upon their arrival in Tokyo on Tuesday, May 11; and we would also appreciate having the help of your office in getting them cleared through customs when they return to San Francisco on May 25.

With sincere thanks for your assistance, and with warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours, ^{REC 27} 27/9

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WILLIAM F. HAUCK, Director
Washington Office

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Far East Tour

Mon., May 10

UNITED AIRLINES 762

5:20 a.m. Leave Cedar Rapids

7:22 a.m. Arrive Chicago

TRANS WORLD AIRLINES 135

9:45 a.m. Leave Chicago

11:55 a.m. Arrive San Francisco

PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES 845

2:45 p.m. Leave San Francisco

(Cross International Date Line)

7:20 p.m. Arrive Tokyo

Tues., May 11

TOKYO, JAPAN

Tokyo Hilton Hotel

Wed., May 12

MILITARY TRANSPORTATION

a.m. Leave Tokyo for Seoul, Korea

p.m. Return to Tokyo

Thurs., May 13

PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES 1

5:00 p.m. Leave Tokyo

8:55 p.m. Arrive Hong Kong

HONG KONG, B. C. C.

Miramamar Hotel

Fri., May 14

CATHAY-PACIFIC 177

9:00 a.m. Leave Hong Kong

12:15 p.m. Arrive Saigon

SAIGON, S. VIET NAM

Caravelle Hotel

Mon., May 17

PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES 841

11:45 a.m. Leave Saigon

12:55 p.m. Arrive Singapore

SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA

Intercontinental Hotel

Tues., May 18

BOAC AIRLINES 712

6:40 p.m. Leave Singapore

6:20 a.m. Arrive Sydney

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Chevron Hilton Hotel

Wed., May 19

TRANS AUSTRALIA AIRLINES 497

8:10 p.m. Leave Sydney

9:05 p.m. Arrive Canberra

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

Rex Hotel

Fri., May 21

TRANS AUSTRALIA AIRLINES 425

5:30 p.m. Leave Canberra

7:00 p.m. Arrive Melbourne

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Southern Cross Hotel

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Sun., May 23

TRANS AUSTRALIA AIRLINES 416

10:00 a.m. Leave Melbourne

11:20 a.m. Arrive Sydney

QUANTAS AIRLINES 324

12:30 p.m. Leave Sydney

6:25 p.m. Arrive Wellington

WELLINGTON,
NEW ZEALAND
Royal Oak Hotel

Tues., May 25

NEW ZEALAND AIRLINES 458

5:45 p.m. Leave Wellington

7:10 p.m. Arrive Auckland

QUANTAS AIRLINES 586

8:30 p.m. Leave Auckland

Wed., May 26

12:15 a.m. Arrive Nandi

QUANTAS AIRLINES 586

1:25 a.m. Leave Nandi

(Cross International Date Line)

Tues., May 25

6:20 p.m. Arrive San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF
Hilton Airport Hotel

Wed., May 26

UNITED AIRLINES 120

7:45 a.m. Leave San Francisco

1:25 p.m. Arrive Chicago

UNITED AIRLINES 777

4:55 p.m. Leave Chicago

6:38 p.m. Arrive Cedar Rapids

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/12/65

FROM : LEGAT, TOKYO (80-2)

SUBJECT: DONALD JOHNSON
NATIONAL COMMANDER
AMERICAN LEGION
VISIT TO ORIENT

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

Legat met Johnson and party, escorted them through official formalities, drove them to their hotel, and all other courtesies have been made available to them.

Johnson clearly and strongly identifies himself as a loyal supporter of the Bureau. He commented that there are two factors which have made the Bureau what it is today, first the unequalled, unswerving leadership of Mr. Hoover and second the unique teamwork existing among a group of unusually high-calibre subordinates.

Johnson commented on the close and warm relationship existing between himself and Assistant Director Cartha D. DeLoach. He said it goes without saying that the American Legion always stands ready to assist the Bureau whether in matters that can be publicized or in matters of confidence and sensitivity.

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RADIO
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TO SAC, HONOLULU
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

AMERICAN LEGION

DONALD JOHNSON, NATIONAL COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION

JOHNSON WHO HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE WITH BUREAU

CALIF
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CONCLUDING EXTENSIVE FAR EASTERN TRIP ACCOMPANIED BY THREE
AIDES. ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO FLY NONSTOP FROM
AUSTRALIA TO SAN FRANCISCO. NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
HONOLULU NINE TWENTY-FIVE A.M., MAY TWENTY-FIVE VIA QUANTAS
AIRLINES, FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE EIGHT SIX. DEPARTING HONOLULU
SAME DATE, SAME FLIGHT, TEN FORTY A.M., ARRIVING SAN
FRANCISCO SIX TWENTY P.M. DEPARTS SAN FRANCISCO SAME DATE,
UNITED FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE SIX AT TEN THIRTY P.M. EN ROUTE
WASHINGTON, D. C. HONOLULU SHOULD MEET, ASSIST THROUGH
CUSTOMS AND EXTEND ALL COURTESIES. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD
MEET AND EXTEND COURTESIES. COPY MAILED SAN FRANCISCO
AMSD.

VIA RADIOGRAM

MAY 20 1965

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Gandy

2 - SAN FRANCISCO - AMSD
1 - Foreign Liaison

NOTE: By cablegram to Legat, Tokyo, dated 5-7-65, we instructed that office to extend all courtesies to Johnson. San Francisco advised to meet and assist through customs which was formerly to be first point of entry to U. S. This cablegram supersedes previous instructions. Commander Johnson has appointment with President Johnson morning of May 26th.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 6, 1965

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
THE AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 3, 1965, THROUGH MAY 5, 1965

With the Director's approval, I attended captioned meetings. Special Agent Hanning, who is a member of the Americanism Commission, accompanied me. The following matters will be of pertinent interest to the Bureau.

AMERICANISM COMMISSION:

Special Agent Hanning sat with this group during their two days meeting May 3 and 4, 1965. The following resolutions of pertinent interest to the Bureau were considered:

LYNDON B. JOHNSON A resolution condemning communist and pacifist propaganda which is confusing the American public and which has incited students to riot, and commending President Johnson for his strong stand in Vietnam was unanimously passed.

(Copy attached.) will be given to press in a day or two

The only other resolution of interest to the Bureau was a resolution critical of "crusaders" who down-grade law enforcement and are so solicitous of the rights of criminals. The resolving clause of this resolution reads: "Resolved, That we oppose police review boards anywhere in the United States of America." This resolution was passed unanimously.

Enclosures

- 1 - Miss Gandy
- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Morrell
- 1 - Mr. Hanning

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DeLoach to Mohr 5-6-65

Re: National Executive Committee Meetings
The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana
May 3, 1965, Through May 5, 1965

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION:

Met two days with fourteen members from different parts of the country present. Following items of interest to the FBI:

(1) Passed unanimously, in conjunction with National Americanism Commission and later by full body of National Executive Committee, a strong resolution calling for support and backing by every Legionnaire the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation. (Copy attached.)

(2) Debated and approved ^{two out of} eleven entries for the highly coveted Fourth Estate Awards. Awards to be given to Paul Harvey and [redacted]. Both men advised of fact that Director concurred in these awards prior to final deliberation.

(3) Other matters handled concerned:

- (a) Planning for National Convention, Portland, Oregon.
- (b) Budget
- (c) Survey of publicity received during past year.
- (d) Expenditure of \$25,000 for National Convention film.
- (e) Decision regarding Legion Department to win award for best public relations during current year.
- (f) Forthcoming Legion History by Raymond Moley.

ACTION:

(1) Attached letters be sent to Messrs. Hugh Overton, W. C. "Dan" Daniel and Preston J. Moore. All made excellent speeches on floor of National Executive Committee calling for quick support of resolution regarding J. Edgar Hoover Foundation.

END

(2) That the attached letter be sent to the President advising him that as originally indicated, The American Legion would go on record, by formal resolution, commending him and calling for continued support of his policies in Vietnam, while at the same time positively criticizing the propaganda and riotous activities of the Communist Party against such policies.

WHEREAS, by convention mandate at Dallas, Texas, September, The American Legion placed itself on record as supporting fully the firm stand taken by President Johnson to defend Vietnam and to bring a true and just peace to that harassed area of Asia, and

WHEREAS, during the past several weeks there has been much confusion created in the minds of the American public as to our aims and policies in Vietnam due largely to communist and pacifist propaganda which can be supported by documentary evidence, and

WHEREAS, there is only one solution to the Vietnam situation that solution being to win and bring a just and lasting peace, and

WHEREAS, President Johnson has made honest efforts to resolve the situation by offering peaceful discussions, peaceful economic assistance, and has indicated a willingness on the part of the United States to meet more than half-way any sincere effort of peaceful settlement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that The American Legion does strongly reaffirm its support of the President in his efforts to seek a just solution to the Vietnam situation and for his strong and militant stand in the face of continued and mounting aggression, and be it further

RESOLVED, that The American Legion condemns those individuals and organizations who under the guise of peace would have the President seek "peace at any price" and bow before the aggressors in Vietnam, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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(1)

WHEREAS, The American Legion for over twenty-five years has recognized the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by resolutions passed at our National Conventions for his dedicated and unswerving loyalty to the protection of the Internal Security of our country; and

WHEREAS, There is now being formed the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation, said Foundation to administrate and support the J. Edgar Hoover Library at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and to promote research on the strategy and tactics of Communism, including the planned establishment of a chair on this subject at a leading university or universities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 5 - 6, 1965, that The American Legion fully supports the ideas of the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation and subscribes to the principles for which it is being founded. The American Legion encourages all Legionnaires everywhere to indicate their active support in this regard.

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Date: 5/26/65

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (66-3855)

 SUBJECT: DONALD JOHNSON
NATIONAL COMMANDER
AMERICAN LEGION
Re Bureau radiogram, dated 5/7/65. *VR*

On the evening of 5/25/65, Bureau Agents met DONALD JOHNSON and his party of three at the San Francisco International Airport and assisted them through Customs officials, made arrangements for them to have use of Quantas Airlines VIP Room and also assisted them in obtaining space on United Airlines flight to Washington, D. C.

Mr. JOHNSON expressed his sincere appreciation for the courtesies afforded him and stated that he had been requested by President JOHNSON to return to Washington, D. C. to confer with the President regarding National Commander JOHNSON's travels and observations in Vietnam.

C C. Wick

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Special Agent in Charge

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May 11, 1964

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Honorable Daniel P. Foley
National Commander
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mr. Foley:

I have received your telegram of May 8th
extending congratulations on my Anniversary on behalf
of all the members of The American Legion.

It was certainly thoughtful of your National
Executive Committee to unanimously vote Resolution
Number 3 and I hope you will tell them of my sincere
appreciation. Thank you for the sentiments expressed
in your wire and for remembering me on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 20
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NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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AMERICAN LEGION

National Public Relations
10 MAY 1964

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

RELEASE SUNDAY AM:

DANIEL F. FOLEY, NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, CONGRATULATES J. EDGAR HOOVER FOR FORTY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND COMMENDS PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, FOR EXTENDING FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER'S TERM OF DUTY.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 10 MAY 1964: National Commander of The American Legion, Daniel F. Foley, today sent the following telegrams to Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover and to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

*Letter to
notice 5/11/64 -*

Two million six hundred thousand American Legionnaires join with their fellow veterans and fellow citizens in congratulating you upon the completion of your forty years of devoted service to our United States.

No single citizen in the history of our great nation has personally defended our American society for so long, so well.

In these perilous times of danger to our way of life, from within, and from without, your self-sacrificing devotion offers proof America still produces great and stalwart patriots.

During these days of danger to the God given right of the freedom and dignity of man, your long, and successful career, stands as constant inspiration.

I am proud to bring you these sincere expressions of admiration from my fellow Legionnaires. I am also proud to inform you of specific action taken by The American Legion that confirms these sentiments. Our National Executive Committee, during their recent meeting, held in Indianapolis, unanimously voted Resolution No. 3, which reads:

"The American Legion does hereby go on record, offering sincere congratulations of the National Organization of the American Legion, to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover for his completion of forty years of service to America, and for his continuing fight against subversives, criminals and other elements, foreign and domestic, whose interests are inimical to those of our Nation."

Sincerely Yours,

DANIEL F. FOLEY, NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON:

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

I proudly take this opportunity to express my personal satisfaction and the enthusiastic endorsement of your two million six hundred thousand fellow American Legionnaires, for your wise and proper Presidential decision to extend the career of J. Edgar Hoover beyond the ordinary time limits for Federal duty.

It is fitting that the extraordinary career of Mr. Hoover, as an inspirational American Patriot of this century, be considered in other than ordinary interpretations; his self-sacrificing devotion to duty for forty years well deserves the recognition you have so properly given.

As proof of the sentiments of The American Legion I will include here Resolution No. 3, passed unanimously by the National Executive Committee during their recent meetings held in Indianapolis. The resolution reads:

"The American Legion does hereby go on record, offering sincere congratulations of the National Organization of The American Legion to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover for his completion of forty years service to America and for his continuing fight against subversives, criminals and other elements, foreign and domestic, whose interests are inimical to those of our Nation."

Sincerely Yours,

DANIEL F. FOLEY, NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Handwritten initials and signatures

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(HOOVER-LEGION)

WASHINGTON--THE AMERICAN LEGION TODAY CONGRATULATED J. EDGAR HOOVER FOR 40 YEARS' SERVICE HEADING THE FBI, AND PRAISED PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S PLANS FOR EXTENDING HOOVER'S DUTY PAST RETIREMENT AGE.

IN A TELEGRAM TO HOOVER, NATIONAL COMMANDER DANIEL F. (FOLEY SAID, "NO SINGLE CITIZEN IN THE HISTORY OF OUR GREAT NATION HAS PERSONALLY DEFENDED OUR AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SO LONG, SO WELL."

HE DESCRIBED JOHNSON'S DECISION AS "WISE AND PROPER" IN A TELEGRAM TO THE PRESIDENT.

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*ack to Foley
 5/1/68
 J. Edgar*

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 8 1964

WESTERN UNION

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC
TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AMERICAN LEGIONNAIRES JOIN
WITH THEIR FELLOW VETERANS AND FELLOW CITIZENS IN CONGRATULATING
YOU UPON THE COMPLETION OF YOUR FORTY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE
TO OUR UNITED STATES.

NO SINGLE CITIZEN IN THE HISTORY OF OUR GREAT NATION
HAS PERSONALLY DEFENDED OUR AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SO LONG, SO
WELL.

IN THESE PERILOUS TIMES OF DANGER TO OUR WAY OF LIFE,
FROM WITHIN, AND FROM WITHOUT, YOUR SELF-SACRIFICING DEVOTION
OFFERS PROOF AMERICA STILL PRODUCES GREAT AND STALWART PATRIOTS.

DURING THESE DAYS OF DANGER TO THE GOD GIVEN RIGHT OF

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American Legion - National

THE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF MAN, YOUR LONG, AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER,
STANDS AS CONSTANT INSPIRATION.

I AM PROUD TO BRING YOU THESE SINCERE EXPRESSIONS OF
ADMIRATION FROM MY FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES. I AM ALSO PROUD TO
INFORM YOU OF SPECIFIC ACTION TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN LEGION
THAT CONFIRMS THESE SENTIMENTS. OUR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
DURING THEIR RECENT MEETING, HELD IN INDIANAPOLIS, UNANIMOUSLY
VOTED RESOLUTION NO. 3, WHICH READS:

"THE AMERICAN LEGION DOES HEREBY GO ON RECORD, OFFERING
SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION, TO MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER FOR HIS COMPLETION
OF FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO AMERICA, AND FOR HIS CONTINUING
FIGHT AGAINST SUBERSIVES, CRIMINALS AND OTHER ELEMENTS, FOREIGN
AND DOMESTIC, WHOSE INTERESTS ARE INIMICAL TO THOSE OF OUR

NATION."

SINCERELY YOURS

DANIEL F FOLEY NATIONAL COMMANDER THE AMERICAN LEGION

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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August 30, 1965

Honorable L. Eldon James
Citizens National Bank Building
Hampton, Virginia 23369

Dear Mr. James:

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on your election as National Commander of The American Legion for the year 1965-1966.

Members of The American Legion can take great pride in having men of your stature active in this fine organization, and I am certain that you will have a most successful year as National Commander. I am grateful for the confidence which The American Legion has expressed in me over the years and for the strong stands which they have taken against the cancerous menace of communism.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me in the event I can be of any assistance to you during your tenure of office. My associates join me in extending to you every wish for a most successful year.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. Mohr } detached
1 - Mr. DeLoach } detached
1 - M. A. Jones } detached

NOTE: See DeLoach to Mohr memo, 8-27-65, captioned, "The American Legion National Convention, Portland, Oregon, 8/20-26/65. CDH:cs (9)

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
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July 19, 1965

MR. TOLSON:

American Legion - National

The President called at approximately 5:20 p. m. Sunday, 7-18-65, and talked for approximately 25 minutes.

The President mentioned he was seriously thinking of appointing Abe Fortas to a major departmental position. He stated he knew we had investigated Fortas sometime ago at his, the President's, specific instructions, however, he thought that this investigation should be brought up to date. He stated he remembered that Fortas had belonged to a number of communist front organizations back in the early 1940's, however, he placed no credence on these facts inasmuch as Fortas since had matured and was now a well trusted, loyal individual. The President stated he trusted Fortas as much as he did Lady Bird and even more so with respect to advice regarding business and international matters.

The President advised that he intended naming Fortas to this position within the next day or so. He stated he wanted to find out first exactly what opposition he would encounter after he named Fortas. He stated he thought we should interview a number of Senators and get them on record. He then named Senator Cannon, Eugene McCarthy, Douglas, Senator Bob Kennedy and Senator Ed Kennedy. (I interrupted the President at this point and asked him if he was serious. He replied that he certainly recognized that the Senators would give Abe Fortas a bad name, however, he thought he should go on record in order to prevent these Senators from issuing adverse press statements later on.) The President added Senators Kuchel and Dirksen. With respect to Senator Dirksen, the President stated that Dirksen was in a bad way physically and he was afraid he would be losing him within the next several weeks. The President added he wanted a number of conservative Senators interviewed. He then named Hruska, Wickenlooper, Cotton and Murphy of California. He stated that Murphy would know nothing about Abe Fortas, however, it would be a good idea to get him on record.

The President specifically stated he wanted our Agents, if questioned, to intimate that Fortas was to be appointed to a presidential advisory commission. He stated this, of course, was not true, however, he wanted to keep from arousing comment as much as possible. I told the President that FBI interview of the Senators named above would certainly cause comment. He replied he knew this, however, hoped that the Agents could handle this investigation as quietly as possible.

Mr. Tolson ☒
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Mr. Mohr ☐
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Informal DeLoach to Mr. Tolson 7-19-65

The President turned to other things. He stated that, "Edgar had done a good job with the Evening Star." He mentioned it was quite obvious that we had talked with representatives of the Star and that this paper had now turned to his favor. I told the President that the Director had made a very careful check as to any known animosity towards him, however, we had failed to find there was any animosity in this regard.

The President stated he was concerned about the future hearings to be held by the Fulbright Committee regarding U. S. intervention in the Dominican Republic. He stated before the hearings were over, with, he anticipated that he would find it necessary to ask the Director to testify regarding the fact there had been communists attempting to take over the Dominican Republic. He added that the Director would also be in a position to testify regarding communist attempts in the United States to embarrass United States Government policy in the Dominican Republic. I told the President that while the Director could no doubt bolster the Administration's position by his testimony, I felt it would be very inadvisable to have the FBI testify before the Fulbright Committee or any other Congressional committee. The President asked me the reason for this statement. I told him the Director, by precedent, had made it a policy not to appear before Congressional committees. I added that Senator Jim Eastland had constantly wanted the Director to appear relative to judicial appointments. I mentioned that such appearances could be both embarrassing to the Administration and most certainly would take the FBI out of the category of a nonevaluation agency. The President stated we had a point there, however, he would have to think about the matter.

The President told me that Senator Tom Dodd had been doing an excellent job for the Administration. He stated that Dodd's speeches on the Floor of the Senate had been very helpful. He then added that the Director had also been doing an excellent job in fomenting public opinion against communist efforts to embarrass the U. S. Government in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. The President stated he was concerned, however, about the fact that we appeared to be losing the battle against college professors and on college and university campuses. He stated there were also bad rumblings in Government about our policies in Vietnam particularly. The President stated that he wanted to get more Johnson men in this Administration. He added that such men were particularly needed in the State Department.

I told the President that Senator Dodd had received and accepted an invitation to be one of the principal speakers before The American Legion Convention next month in Portland, Oregon. The President stated this was fine and that he hoped some guidance could be given to Senator Dodd relative to the type speech that should be made. I told him that the Director had already had me give Senator Dodd considerable material in this regard, some of which Senator Dodd had already used on the Floor of the Senate.

Informal DeLoach to Mr. Tolson 7-19-65

The President asked if I could have prepared a careful resolution which will be passed before The American Legion defending his position in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. I told him that the Director had already approved such a resolution and that The American Legion in Virginia this coming week would pass this resolution and send it on to National Headquarters for passage and national publicity at the Convention. The President stated he thought this was good and that such a resolution would help out tremendously.

The President mentioned that the "Washington Post," once a strong supporter, now seemed to be turning against him, particularly in the field of crime. He stated that Sunday's "Post" deplored the fact that the President relied upon crime statistics in order to appraise the crime situation in the District of Columbia. He stated that it was his opinion that statistics, particularly those put out by the FBI, were very valuable and that he intended to keep relying upon such statistics.

The President asked that we get right to work on the Abe Fortas matter. I told him this would be done.

The Director was advised telephonically of the above conversation. While I did not think of it at the time, it now appears that the President is considering Fortas to succeed Adlai Stevenson.

ACTION:

(1) I doubt that the President will now insist that the Director appear before the Fulbright Committee, particularly in view of the above arguments. Nevertheless, we should go ahead and prepare a brief for the Director in the event he is called upon to make such an appearance. This brief should include the following parts:

- (a) Reasons for the FBI's being in the Dominican Republic.
- (b) Facts substantiating the presence of communists and their attempts to take over in the Dominican Republic.
- (c) General statements regarding FBI's assistance to the U. S. Government as result of our being in the Dominican Republic. This part should also naturally include our tremendous value to the Government as a result of our responsibilities from an internal security standpoint. The technical surveillance of Bosch should, of course, be disguised as much as possible.
- (d) Attempts of communists and communist front organizations as well as extreme liberal organizations to embarrass U. S. Government policies in the Dominican Republic.

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Informal DeLoach to Mr. Tolson 7-19-65

Action - Continued:

(2) The Special Investigative Division, Special Inquiry Section, should immediately initiate an investigation to bring the previous inquiry on Abe Fortas up to date. The Senators in question should be interviewed today, if at all possible. The investigation should reach the White House no later than Wednesday afternoon of this week, 7-21-65. The limitations mentioned by the President should be considered in the investigation.

Yes,
[Signature]

RESPECTFULLY,

[Signature]
C. D. DE LOACH

August 27, 1965

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ST-112 74-1-17998-1766

Honorable Donald E. Johnson
Drawer-A
West Branch, Iowa

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of August 25th and want to thank you for your very kind comments. I can assure you that any assistance my associates and I were able to extend you and The American Legion was a source of genuine pleasure for us.

On behalf of all of us in the FBI I would like to offer sincere ^{congratulations} on your term as National Commander. Your record of accomplishments will insure a high place for you in the hearts and memories of all Legionnaires. We hope that contact with you will not be lost and that the future will bring you good health, happiness and continued success. If we can be of any help to you, you have but to ask.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Johnson has just completed his term as National Commander of The American Legion. He is on the Special Correspondents' List and has been extremely friendly and cooperative with the Bureau.

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THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 25, 1965

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As I approach the end of my term of office as ^{NATIONAL} National Commander of The American Legion, I am reminded of the many courtesies extended to me throughout the past year. I should like to express my appreciation and gratitude to you and to the members of your staff for your invaluable assistance.

Needless to say, my year in office has been one which I shall long remember, and I am especially proud of the friendships I have made with members of the FBI.

In closing, may I again express my sincere thanks and my very best wishes for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Johnson

DONALD E. JOHNSON

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAN FRANCISCO

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr + Mrs Hawaii Calif. S.D.
L. ELDON JAMES, NATIONAL COMMANDER, AMERICAN LEGION.

MR. JAMES, HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, TOGETHER WITH THE
VIRGINIA STATE ADJUTANT, *Mr + Mrs Walker* WILBUR WALKER, AND MRS. WALKER, DEPARTING
HONOLULU SEPTEMBER ONE, FOUR FIFTY P.M., VIA UNITED AIRLINES FOR
SAN FRANCISCO. WILL BE STAYING AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. INTEND TO
DEPART SAN FRANCISCO SEVEN A.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER THREE, FOR
LEGION AFFAIR AT ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

SUGGEST SAN FRANCISCO CONTACT MR. JAMES AT ST. FRANCIS
HOTEL THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER TWO, AND OFFER TO EXTEND USUAL
COURTESIES.

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CC: MR. DELOACH

MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/3/65

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (136-333)

SUBJECT: L. ELDON JAMES
NATIONAL COMMANDER
AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
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Mr. Felt	✓
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Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Re Honolulu teletype 9/1/65, concerning Mr. JAMES' schedule in San Francisco.

On 9/2/65, contact was made with Mr. JAMES at the St. Francis Hotel. His schedule for the day was full. The only services which we could render involved effecting arrangements for dinner reservations for him and his party for the evening of 9/2/65.

Mr. JAMES was most cordial and friendly, expressing his desire that the Legion and the Bureau continue their excellent, warm relationship during the coming year. He promised to get in touch with us when he is again in San Francisco, at which time he would hope to visit the San Francisco Office.

Above for Bureau's information.

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September 23, 1965

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EX 105

[Redacted]

Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

Box [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

England

Your letter of September 12th has been brought to my attention.

In response to your request, enclosed is a copy of my speech, "An American's Challenge." I would like to point out that due to budgetary limitations, I am unable to send you material on a continuing basis.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

1 - Salt Lake City - (94-407)
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NOTE: An in-absence was sent [Redacted] on 9-16 and a field check was requested. SAC, Salt Lake City, advised by airtel dated 9-20 that [Redacted] has a good reputation in his community and has been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon.) He is presently operating a [Redacted] known as [Redacted] located at [Redacted]. In the recent past, [Redacted] has become interested in and possibly holds membership in the John Birch Society. It is probably this interest which has caused him to become estranged from other members of his family. SAC recommended that [Redacted] not be placed on the Mailing List because of his possible affiliation and interest with the John Birch Society and he believed that [Redacted] would probably utilize his being on the Director's Mailing List to the benefit of his society.

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"An American's Challenge"

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Telephone

Area Code:

September 12, 1965

U. S. Dept. of Justice
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. J. E. Hoover

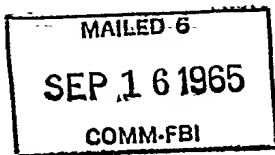
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please be kind enough to send me a copy of your 1962 speech given in Las Vegas, to the American Legion convention.

Also, is there any way I could receive, automatically, copies of your major speeches and news releases? If so, I certainly would appreciate it--and I would put them to good use in educating my friends and neighbors.

Thank you in advance.

Yours truly,



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Date: 9/20/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (94-407) (RUC)

RE: *American Legion - National*SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 9/21/65

Re Bureau airtel, 9/16/65.

Salt Lake City files contain no record identifiable
with The following information has been obtained through
discreet inquiries of established sources: was born and has spent
most of his life in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is married
to and has four children.They recently built a \$60,000 home in an exclusive
section in Salt Lake City; however, they have sold this
home and are currently living with his wife's parents at
 Salt Lake City. It is believed that he
is utilizing the money derived from this sale in starting a
 y is a member of a family which operated
the in Salt Lake City for many years.
His father, the founder of this business, died several
years ago and and his mother became the principal
co-owners of the business. recently became estrangedWick
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Special Agent in Charge

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from the other members of his family, including his mother, and has now sold out his interest in the business to the other members of his family and is operating his own [redacted]

His business is located at [redacted] Salt Lake City; however, personal observation of this address showed that the sign advertising this business indicates that this is a temporary location.

In addition to operating this business, [redacted] [redacted], a large department store in Salt Lake City,

[redacted] has a good reputation in the community and has been very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). He served a mission for this church in England during 1949-1951.

The records of the Salt Lake Credit Bureau show [redacted] to have a good reputation and satisfactory credit; however, the items of record include one judgment and one suit prior to 1958, which are for rather small amounts.

Within the recent past, [redacted] has reportedly become interested in and possibly holds membership in the John Birch Society. It is this interest and possible affiliation which has caused him to become estranged from the other members of his family. It is reported that his mother has practically disowned him, and this no doubt brought about the separation of [redacted] from the family business.

RECOMMENDATION

It is believed that no harm or impairment would come to the Bureau through furnishing [redacted] with a copy of the Director's speech made in 1962, to the American

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Legion Convention as per [] request. However, in view of the foregoing information regarding [] interest and possible affiliation with the John Birch Society, it is believed that he would probably utilize his being on the Director's mailing list to the benefit of this society. Accordingly, it is recommended that he not be placed on the mailing list for future copies of the Director's major speeches and news releases.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
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Mr. Rosen	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

American Legion

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS *Gril*

L. Eldon James

September 23, 1965
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was so very kind of you to write to me on August 30th, extending your congratulations upon my election to the office of National Commander of The American Legion. So far as I am concerned, there is no greater honor that could come to a man who faces the responsibilities that I now face than to have an expression of good wishes from the Director of the great Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The thoughtfulness and the support that we have received from members of the Bureau has been one of the greatest single contributions to the success of The American Legion. Down through the years, whether the job has been a small one in a community or a major assignment at the national level, the men of the FBI who have been called on for extracalicular or outside service in The American Legion have emerged with a greatly deserved well done.

Thank you, sir, so very much for what you have done and are doing for our organization.

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Sincerely yours,

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L. Eldon James
L. ELDON JAMES

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CORRESPONDENCE

REC-11

September 28, 1965

94-1-17998-1772

Honorable L. Eldon James
National Commander
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. James:

I have received your letter of September 24, 1965, enclosing a copy of the resolution passed by the 47th Annual National Convention of The American Legion at Portland, Oregon, August 24-26, 1965,

This resolution means a great deal to me and I hope you will express my sincere gratitude to the members of your fine organization for their continued support of this Bureau and me. I feel that both our organizations are working toward the same goal--a better America--and that you will not hesitate to call upon us if we can be of assistance at any time in the future.

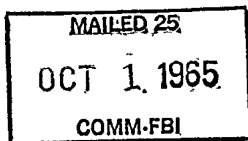
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: James is the newly elected National Commander of The American Legion and is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

September 24, 1965

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It gives me great pleasure to transmit to you a copy of the enclosed resolution expressing the support of The American Legion for you and your leadership of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I assure you that this represents the thinking of our entire membership.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

L. Eldon James
L. ELDON JAMES
National Commander

Enclosure

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FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
PORTLAND, OREGON; AUGUST 24-26, 1965

Resolution No. 11

Committee: Americanism

Subject: Support of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation

WHEREAS, J. Edgar Hoover has been a staunch defender of the rights and freedoms of the citizens of this great Republic without regard to race, creed or color; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoover, being a faithful servant of the people of this Nation, through his untiring efforts has exposed the enemies-from-within of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, any attempted downgrading of, or any clamor for the forced retirement of Mr. Hoover must be held in contempt by the overwhelming majority of the people of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, commendably has continued J. Edgar Hoover as Director of the F.B.I., now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Portland, Oregon, August 24-26, 1965, That The American Legion commends J. Edgar Hoover for his untiring efforts, for his devotion to duty and for the vigorous and impartial manner in which the F.B.I. conducts its business; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the United States, and to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

October 4, 1965

94-1-17998-

Honorable John W. McCormack
The Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear John:

I received your letter of September 27th enclosing a copy of your letter to Mr. James, and the thoughtfulness which prompted you to write is appreciated. I have received the Resolution adopted at the 47th Annual National Convention of The American Legion, and the kind remarks mean a great deal to me.

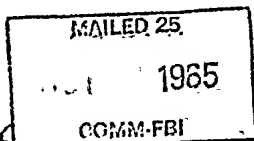
I am indeed grateful for your gracious comments and continuing staunch support, and my thanks to Harriet and you for your kind regards.

Sincerely,
Edgar

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Speaker McCormack is on the Special Correspondents' List and is addressed on a first-name basis unless it would be a formal response. Mr. James, National Commander of The American Legion, is on the Special Correspondents' List, and he was thanked for the Resolution by letter of 9-28-65.

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John M. McCormack
9th Dist. Massachusetts

The Speaker's Rooms
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

September 27, 1965

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation PERSONAL
Constitution Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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	Mr. Conrad	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dear Edgar:

I thought you might like to receive and read a copy of a letter I have sent to National Commander James, who recently forwarded me a copy of the Resolution adopted at the American Legion Annual Convention the latter part of August. I assume that you have received a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Convention.

With kind personal regards, in which Harriet joins with me,
I am

Sincerely yours,



John (McCormack)

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John M. McCormack
City Clerk, Massachusetts

Eugene C. Kinnally
Administrative Assistant

Boston Office:
James H. Hartley
Secretary

Washington Office:
Martin Swartz
Secretary

The Speaker's Rooms
House of Representatives, U.S.
Washington, D.C.

September 27, 1965

Mr. L. Eldon James, National Commander
The American Legion
1808 K. Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear National Commander James:

I am in receipt of your recent letter, with enclosure, relating to the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover. I am glad to note the position taken by the American Legion at its recent National Convention. I might say that I am a Charter Member of the Columbia Post A.L. in Boston.

I am very pleased to note that the views of the Legion are consistent with those I entertain for Mr. Hoover, which I have entertained during the 38 years I have been a Member of the Congress. I take pride in the fact that Mr. Hoover is a very close and personal friend of both Mrs. McCormack and myself. He is one of the great Americans of our Nation's history.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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October 21, 1965

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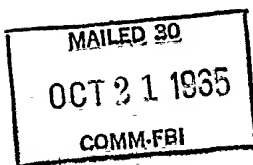
Honorable L. Eldon James
National Commander
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. James:

I have received your telegram of
October 20th, and the complimentary remarks you
expressed are most encouraging to me. Your con-
tinued interest in the work of this Bureau means a
great deal, and I deeply appreciate the observations
you furnished me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Mr. James is on the Special Correspondents' List. He recently
was elected to the position he holds. Telegram was released to

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

American Legion

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC

Mr. Tolson	
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MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND YOU FOR THE ACTION TAKEN

BY THE FBI IN IMMEDIATELY APPREHENDING AND ARRESTING

WHO FLAGRANTLY FLAUNTED, NOT ONLY THE LAWS OF THIS

COUNTRY, BUT OUR NATIONAL POLICY BY BURNING HIS DRAFT CARD

AS A GESTURE OF DEFIANCE AGAINST THE AMERICAN EFFORT TO STEM

COMMUNISTIC AGGRESSION IN VIET NAM.

I KNOW THAT I SPEAK FOR ALL LEGIONNAIRES WHEN I SAY THAT

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THAT WOULD NOT OTHERWISE EXIST.

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YOUR EXPEDIENT ACTION MAY WELL SERVE AS A WARNING TO

OTHERS LIKE THAT OUR COUNTRY MUST BE FIRST IN THE HEARTS

MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

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OF ITS CITIZENS, IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE AS A FREE NATION
L ELDON JAMES NATIONAL COMMANDER THE AMERICAN LEGION
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ORIG -- MR. MOHR FOR DIRECTOR

November 23, 1965

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Wick	✓
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Commander James:

I would appreciate your thanking the American Legion for the resolution honoring Mr. J. Edgar Hoover adopted at its recent National Convention. It is always gratifying to receive such a fine commendation, and I am sure Mr. Hoover was, as I am, pleased to know of your organization's high regard for his service as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely,

Nicholas deB. Katzenbach

Mr. L. Eldon James
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

Oregon

September 24, 1965

The Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

It is my great privilege to bring to your attention
the enclosed resolution expressing the support of The
American Legion for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

L. Eldon James
L. ELDON JAMES
National Commander

Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
PORTLAND, OREGON; AUGUST 24-26, 1965

Resolution No. 11

Committee: Americanism

Subject: Support of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation

WHEREAS, J. Edgar Hoover has been a staunch defender of the rights and freedoms of the citizens of this great Republic without regard to race, creed or color; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoover, being a faithful servant of the people of this Nation, through his untiring efforts has exposed the enemies-from-within of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, any attempted downgrading of, or any clamor for the forced retirement of Mr. Hoover must be held in contempt by the overwhelming majority of the people of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, commendably has continued J. Edgar Hoover as Director of the F.B.I., now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Portland, Oregon, August 24-26, 1965, That The American Legion commends J. Edgar Hoover for his untiring efforts, for his devotion to duty and for the vigorous and impartial manner in which the F.B.I. conducts its business; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the United States, and to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

94-1-17898-1774

ENCLOSURE



FROM
THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE

1608 K ST. N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

To

The Honorable Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 1-24-66

FROM : M. A. Jones

B. APPROX.

SUBJECT: L. ELTON JAMES

NATIONAL COMMANDER

THE AMERICAN LEGION

REQUEST TO SEE THE DIRECTOR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH, OR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28TH

BACKGROUND:

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William F. Hauck, Director, Washington Office of The American Legion, telephonically contacted the Bureau and advised that captioned individual will be in town for a series of appointments on Thursday, January 27th, and Friday, January 28th. He is most anxious to meet the Director, and if it fits in with the Director's schedule, he would like to come in about 10 or 10:30 a. m. on either one of these days. He will be accompanied by Mr. Hauck, who has met the Director with previous National Commanders, and possibly E. A. (Blackie) Blackmore, the National Adjutant from Indianapolis. The Director has met all past National Commanders over the last few years.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA REGARDING L. ELTON JAMES:

James who is 52 years old and a resident of Hampton, Virginia, was elected National Commander of The American Legion at the 47th Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon, in August, 1965. He is a practicing attorney in the law firm of James, Richardson and James in Hampton, Virginia. He received his B.S. degree from the College of William and Mary and his LL.B. degree from George Washington University. He served in the Navy during World War II. He is married and has two children.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

We have had cordial relations with James since he took over as National Commander and he is most cooperative. Mr. DeLoach is a member of his

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Miss Holmes

1 - Mr. Jones

1 - Mr. Wick

1 - Tour Room

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M. A. Jones to Wick Memo
RE: L. ELDON JAMES

13-man Advisory Committee. By letter dated August 30, 1965, the Director congratulated James on his election as National Commander. James cordially acknowledged this letter on September 23rd and stated in part "So far as I am concerned, there is no greater honor that could come to a man who faces the responsibilities that I now face than to have an expression of good wishes from the Director of the great Federal Bureau of Investigation." He expressed sincere appreciation for the cooperation The Legion has received from the Bureau through the years.

By letter dated September 24, 1965, James forwarded to the Director a copy of a resolution which was passed at the National Convention in Oregon commending the Director and the Bureau for the Bureau's stand in civil rights matters. He was cordially thanked by letter dated September 28, 1965.

By telegram dated October 20th, Commander James commended the Director for the prompt action of the FBI "in immediately apprehending and arresting David J. Miller who flagrantly flaunted, not only the laws of this country, but our national policy by burning his draft card...."

On 11-3-65, the Commander's 10-year-old son, L. Eldon James, Jr., who is popularly known as Donnie, was sent an autographed photograph of the Director in a response to a request from the National Commander.

E. A. (Blackie) Blackmore:

Blackmore is the National Adjutant of The American Legion permanently stationed in Indianapolis. We have had cordial relations with him over the years, and there is no derogatory information concerning him in Bufiles.

William F. Hauck:

As indicated above, Hauck is the Director of the Washington Office of The American Legion and we have had cordial relations with him. He has met the Director on numerous occasions inasmuch as he has accompanied many former National Commanders to the Bureau when they met with the Director. There is no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning him.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Director indicate whether or not it will be possible for him to see the National Commander at approximately 10 or 10:30 a.m. on either Thursday, January 27th, or Friday, January 28th.

2. That this memorandum be returned to the Crime Records Division so that Mr. Hauck can be advised accordingly.

Confirmed with Hauck
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OK 10 A.M. Jan. 27. Wick
AD 1-25-66

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MR. DeLOACH:

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L. Eldon James, National
Commander of the American Legion, is
scheduled to see the Director at 10:00 a.m.
this morning.

National
Mr. Bill Hauck of the American
Legion called at 9:05 a.m. this morning
to advise that James is snowbound out of
town and regretfully will not be able to
keep the appointment since it is anticipated
he will arrive in town sometime tonight.

S.B.
S. B. Donahoe

SBD:hmm
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1 - DeLoach

REC. 94-1-17998-1776

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

Jan. 28, 1966

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

0 American Legion - National

Page A460. Congressman Derwinski, (R) Illinois, placed in the Record a resolution adopted by the 1965 convention of the American Legion commending persons who combat communistic and subversive activities by undertaking dangerous missions necessary to the security of the Nation. The resolution states "Whereas many courageous civilians have been called upon to assist the law-enforcement agencies, particularly the FBI and the several committees of the U. S. Congress to perform this nonglamorous trying and drudgery work of actual infiltration and..." Mr. Derwinski stated "I also wish to point out that the immediate past commander of Argo-Summit Post No. 735, in my district, is Mr. Anzelm A. Czarnowski, who performed a great public service as an undercover agent of the FBI." (Czarnowski is a former informant per the Domestic Intelligence Division.)

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for *1-27-66* was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

February 14, 1966

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Honorable L. Eldon James
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. James:

Your letter of February 10th has been received,
and I also have had the opportunity to read your letter of the
same date to Mr. Clyde A. Tolson.

While both Mr. Tolson and I appreciate the kind
invitation to appear as head table guests at the luncheon to be
held at the Statler-Hilton in Washington, D. C., on February 28th,
prior commitments already confirmed preclude our having this
pleasure. I regret it is not possible to give you favorable
responses but trust you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Mr. Tolson

NOTE: Mr. James is on the Special Correspondents' List. This affair
is in honor of Honorable Leonard H. Goldenson, President of American
Broadcasting Companies. Bufiles contain no derogatory information
concerning him, and our last letter to Mr. Goldenson was sent 3-24-65.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

February 10, 1966

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

NATIONAL
The American Legion annually awards to a distinguished citizen, "The National Commander's Award," for his efforts to preserve the basic precept of freedom upon which our great nation was founded.

D.C.
This year the award will be presented to Leonard H. Goldenson, President of the American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., who since 1933, has dedicated his career to the lively arts, public entertainment and mass communications. During that time he has made many important contributions of techniques in those areas and has proven that such success can be obtained by applying the fundamentals of truth and sincerity coupled with imaginative production.

The award will be presented at a luncheon on Monday, February 28, attended by many of the Washington Press Corps, Chiefs of the Military Organizations, Executives of the Government Agencies, as well as prominent businessmen of the nation's capitol. The luncheon will be held in the Presidential Room of the Statler-Hilton, preceded by a reception from twelve noon to twelve-thirty, with the affair completed by one-thirty.

We are extremely proud to invite you to be an honored head table guest upon this occasion and we sincerely hope that your schedule will permit you to join American Legionnaires from all 58 of our Departments in honoring Mr. Goldenson.

Sincerely yours,

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C. D. "DEKE" DeLOACH, Chairman
National Public Relations

L. ELTON JAMES
National Commander

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 2/9/66

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 2408. The Senate received a resolution adopted by the American Legion at its 1963 national convention in Portland, Oregon, commending the work of the FBI and Mr. Hoover.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C. 20006

February 10, 1966

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Honorable Clyde A. Tolson
Associate Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

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C. D. "DEKE" DeLOACH, Chairman
National Public Relations

L. ELDON JAMES
National Commander

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To: Legat, Mexico City

From: Director, FBI

American Legion - National

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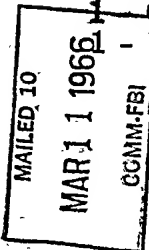
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L. ELDON JAMES
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Captioned individual with whom Bureau enjoys close and cordial relations is making official visit to Mexico. He will be accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] close personal friends. Copy of itinerary attached. Mexico City should meet the Commander and his party upon arrival, clear through customs and extend all courtesies while in Mexico. Los Angeles, upon arrival, should also assist through customs and extend courtesies.

Enclosure

- 1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure
 1 - Chicago - Enclosure (For Information)
 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)



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94-17998-1780

NOTE: We enjoy cordial relations with National Commander James and during recent Midwinter conference of The American Legion in Washington, he requested assistance on his Mexican trip from Mr. DeLoach and has just forwarded his itinerary.

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Mr. & Mrs. Eldon JAMES

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Mr. & Mrs.

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Leave	Newport News	UA 663	First	17 March	10:05 AM	Thursday
Arrive	Baltimore (Friendship)				10:53 AM	
Leave	Baltimore	TW 183	First	17 March	12:00 Noon	Thursday
Arrive	Chicago (O'Hare)				12:50 PM	
Leave	Chicago	MX 801	Standard	17 March	2:05 PM	Thursday
Arrive	Mexico City Hotel Bamer				5:40 PM	
Leave	Mexico City	AM 301	Standard	20 March	8:30 AM	Sunday
Arrive	Acapulco Hotel Las Brisas				9:30 AM	
Leave	Acapulco	AM 400	Standard	23 March	8:45 AM	Wednesday
Arrive	Mexico City				9:30 AM	
Leave	Mexico City	MX 900	Standard	23 March	12:00 Noon	Wednesday
Arrive	Los Angeles				1:20 PM	
Leave	Los Angeles	WA 623	First	23 March	2:40 PM	Wednesday
Arrive	Phoenix				4:40 PM	

AIRLINE KEY

UA - United Airlines
TW - Trans World Airlines
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WA - Western Airlines

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (80-0-3579)

SUBJECT: L. ELDON JAMES
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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DATE: 3/23/66

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Re Bureau airtel dated 3/9/66.

Special Agents of the Chicago Division met Mr. JAMES, his wife, and his associates, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago. Their transfer from TWA to Mexicana Airlines was expedited and other courtesies extended to them. They seemed extremely appreciative.

Above submitted for Bureau's information.

2 - Bureau
1 - Chicago

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/25/66

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-3)

SUBJECT: L. ELDON JAMES
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

CAIF Mexico

D. B. [unclear]

National

Re Bureau airtel to Legat, Mexico City, 3/9/66.

Commander L. ELDON JAMES, Mr. [redacted] and their wives were met at the Los Angeles Airport upon their arrival from Mexico City on 3/23/66 by Supervisor [redacted] and SA [redacted]

CAIF Mexico

Commander JAMES and his party were assisted through customs and transported over an airport field route from the International Satellite to the Western Airlines Satellite where they were extended courtesies in the Horizon Room, Western Airlines Dignitaries Lounge.

While at Los Angeles Commander JAMES and his party were introduced to Mayor GRAHAM of Phoenix, Arizona, who had arrived from Mexico City on their flight and was to be a fellow passenger on their flight to Phoenix.

All courtesies were extended to Commander JAMES and his party and he and members of the party expressed their sincere appreciation.

2 - Bureau
2 - Los Angeles
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *nif* LEGAT, MEXICO (80-0)

SUBJECT: L. ELDON JAMES
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

DATE: 3/24/66

ReBuairtel 3/9/66. *National*

In accordance with instructions contained in reairtel, Commander JAMES, as well as his wife and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were met at the Mexico City airport on their arrival on 3/17/66 and assisted through customs.

As soon as Commander JAMES entered the airport he was interviewed by Mexican press representatives, and in connection with that interview the Legal Attache arranged to have him discreetly briefed concerning the anti-American demonstration then under way in Mexico City near the hotel where Commander JAMES and his party would be staying. That demonstration, which was instigated by the Communist Party of Mexico and the Popular Socialist Party, was organized as part of the "Vietnam Week" and was designed to agitate against United States' activities in Vietnam. Due to the publicity which had been generated in Mexico City concerning the Vietnam situation, it was felt that the newspaper reporters would stress that aspect during their interview. Subsequently Commander JAMES expressed his appreciation for the assistance rendered him in this regard which enabled him to more appropriately answer questions put to him by the newspaper correspondents.

All courtesies were offered to Commander JAMES during his stay in Mexico, but due to the attentions given him by the American Legion he apparently did not feel it necessary to call upon this office for any further assistance.

Commander JAMES departed from Mexico as scheduled on 3/23/66 en route to Los Angeles.

5 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
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(1 - Los Angeles)

1 - Mexico City
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Mr. Tolson	b6
Mr. DeLoach	b7C
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
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Mr. Sullivan	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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MAR 29 1966

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: 4/13/66

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: CRIME RECORDS

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (136-0)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

This is to advise that today I was invited by Representative JAMES A. MORROW, JR., Mississippi State Legislature, to attend a meeting of the Legislature before which the National Commander of the American Legion, L. ELDON JAMES, spoke.

At the same time, through the efforts of FRANK W. CHAMBERS, Department Adjutant, I was introduced to all the newly elected American Legion officials as well as most members of the Mississippi State Legislature, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, etc.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Casper

DATE: April 13, 1966

FROM : H. L. Sloan

AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

SUBJECT: 77TH SESSION
FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
FIREARMS SCORES

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I am enclosing herewith the individual scores fired by members of the 77th Session of the FBI National Academy. The average for the 100 men on all courses fired was 85 per cent. It will be recalled that the 76th Session of the National Academy averaged 84.72 per cent. The highest firearms average was made by Sergeant [redacted] - 96.55, closely followed by Lieutenant [redacted] - 96.43. The top ten averages are listed below:

Sergeant	[redacted]	96.55
Lieutenant	[redacted]	96.43
Captain	[redacted]	96.04
Patrolman	[redacted]	95.32
Captain	[redacted]	95.27
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Sergeant	[redacted]	95.23
Staff Sergeant	[redacted]	95.07
Patrolman	[redacted]	94.03
Lieutenant	[redacted]	94.03
Lieutenant	[redacted]	93.72

During their training period each section encountered one day of adverse weather conditions but in spite of this, Supervisor in Charge of Firearms Training, George A. Zeiss, III, did an outstanding job in keeping the class moving, moral high and completed the training on schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum and enclosure be forwarded to Inspector [redacted] in order that the American Legion Firearms Proficiency Award may be prepared for presentation to Sergeant [redacted]

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69 Enclosures
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Memorandum Mr. Casper from H. L. Sloan

Dated 4/13/66


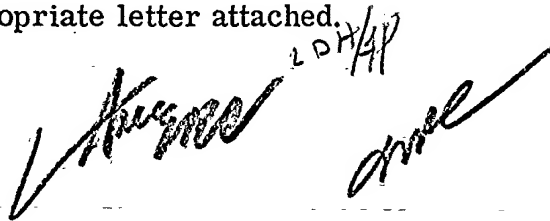
Re: 77TH SESSION

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
FIREARMS SCORES

It is recommended that Supervisor in Charge of Firearms Training, George A. Zeiss, III, be commended for the outstanding manner in which the training was conducted for the 77th Session of the National Academy. ~~This letter of commendation should mention the cooperation and efficiency of the other members of the firearms staff at the FBI Academy.~~



Appropriate letter attached.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 5-5-66

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
THE AMERICAN LEGION - *National*
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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With the Director's approval, I attended captioned meetings. Special Agent Hanning, who is a member of the Americanism Commission, and Special Agent Coll, a member of the National Convention Commission, accompanied me. The following matters will be of pertinent interest to the Bureau.

AMERICANISM COMMISSION:

SA Hanning attended meetings of this Commission which met on May 2nd-3rd. A number of resolutions deferred from the 1965 Portland Convention and the fall executive meeting were considered as well as a new one emanating from this meeting. Of interest to the Bureau: A strong resolution was passed supporting current pending legislation regarding travel control of subversives to other countries. Many resolutions were considered having to do with demonstrations throughout the country protesting U.S. foreign policy, specifically in Vietnam. These were rejected as The American Legion is already on record supporting current U.S. policy by strong resolutions passed at the National Convention last year. The Legion did call for escalation of U.S. efforts in Vietnam.

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION:

Met two days with fifteen members from different parts of the country present. Following items were handled:

(1) Debated and approved Robert H. Wolfe, publisher of "Columbus 1966 Dispatch," and the Booth Newspapers of Michigan to receive the

1 - Miss Gandy
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Jones

1 - Mr. Morrell
1 - Mr. Coll
1 - Mr. Hanning

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highly coveted Fourth Estate Awards at the National Convention in Washington in August. The Director previously approved these and both Wolfe and Booth Newspapers will be discreetly advised on a confidential basis that recommendations for these awards originally came from the Director and the FBI.

(2) Drew up and had approved a budget of \$276,000 for the National Public Relations Commission for the next year.

(3) Made plans for suitable publicity for the National Convention in Washington, D. C., in August.

(4) Finalized plans for the publication of the forthcoming Legion History written by Raymond Moley. *back*
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I gave the formal report of the National Public Relations Commission to the National Executive Committee (the ruling body of The Legion) on the morning of May 4th. During my presentation, I read the foreword which has been prepared for Moley's book by the Director and it drew enthusiastic and prolonged applause.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMISSION:

SA Coll attended meetings of the National Convention Commission on May 2nd and 3rd and reported on progress being made in connection with the National Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., this year. The Commission also has approved tentative awards for future National Conventions to be held in Boston, Massachusetts (1967); Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1968); Atlanta, Georgia (1969); New Orleans, Louisiana (1970); and Phoenix, Arizona (1971). New York had previously bid for a National Convention but withdrew its bid during the meetings. It appeared that the reason for the withdrawal was the change in administration of the City of New York from Mayor Wagner to Mayor Lindsay.

MISCELLANEOUS:

During my brief stay in Indianapolis, National Commander Eldon James expressed his deep appreciation for the courtesies that have

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been extended to him by the FBI during his tenure of office. He offered the full facilities of The American Legion at any time they can be of help to us.

Many of the Legionnaires in attendance "cornered" me during my stay and were most commendatory in their remarks concerning the FBI's television show.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For the Director's information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 23, 1966

FROM : J. J. Casper

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL ACADEMY
FIREARMS PROFICIENCY AWARD
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This is to record that this morning I introduced Sergeant [] of the 77th Session of the FBI National Academy to the Director at which time the Director presented Sergeant [] with the American Legion National Academy Firearms Proficiency Award.

The Director told Sergeant [] that he should be very proud of this accomplishment and told him that there were two other members of the class who were only a fraction of a point below his high average score. A picture of the presentation of the award was taken. Photograph being handled separately.

Sergeant [] expressed his deep appreciation to the Director for being permitted to attend the National Academy and receiving this very fine award.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be sent to the Cincinnati Division advising them of this award.

Enclosure *sent 5-23-66*
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Cotter
1 - Miss Holmes
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